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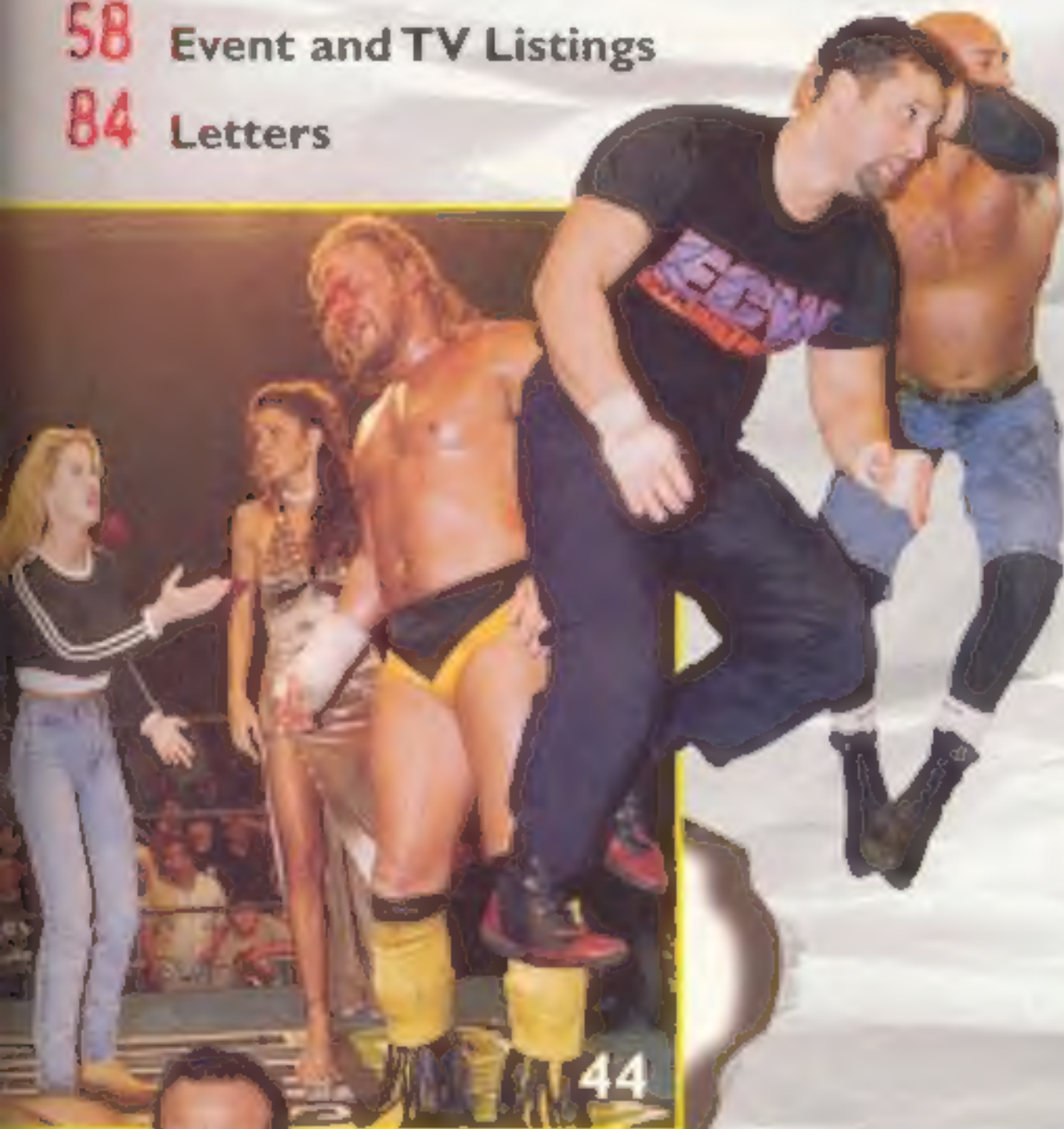
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Welcome to the first edition of In Styles. I cannot begin to explain how excited I am about the new ECW Magazine. Special thanks to Mike

Meyers, Mike Morris, Elliott From, and everyone at H&S Media for partnering with ECW on the new publication.

While every wrestling fan is familiar with the WWF and WCW, many are not familiar with ECW. Over the last five years, Paul Heyman's ECW has revolutionized the professional wrestling industry by introducing hardcore wrestling, "shock" wrestling or Howard Stern-type wrestling to the masses. In fact, we were the inspiration for the WWF's new attitude, right down to its new logo

and colors. Furthermore, WCW would never have decided to give its product a hardcore edge, including barbed wire, had ECW not led the way.

Until Turner Broadcasting purchased Jim Crockett

Promotions to create WCW, the WWF was the only national professional wrestling company in the United States.

Vincent K. McMahon ruled the wrestling world...and deserved to do so. Like it or not, he is

the one solely responsible for taking wrestling from regional promotions to national television and more importantly, pay-per-view.

However, when Eric Bischoff took the reigns of WCW, he used Ted Turner's money to save a dying company by purchasing globally-recognized superstars that McMahon created. Names like "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan, "Rowdy" Roddy Piper and "Macho Man" Randy Savage, which were the building blocks of the WWF, were now being offered more money by WCW.

Despite being told it would be a disaster, Bischoff created Monday Nitro and aired it head-to-head against Monday Night Raw. On the strength of name recognition, WCW began beating the WWF in the ratings. The WWF knew it had to reposition itself and did so by emulating ECW.

ECW, an outlaw wrestling promotion from Philadelphia, had been slowly building a cult following and piecing together a syndicated television network. On April 13, 1997, thanks to Paul Heyman's vision, against all odds and much to the chagrin of Vince McMahon and Eric Bischoff, ECW produced its first pay-per-view: Barely Legal.

It was ECW that first presented the following names to the American wrestling public: Dean Malenko, Eddy Guerrero, Chris Benoit, Chris Jericho, Rey Mysterio Jr., Psicosis, Juventud Guerrera, The Sandman, Raven, Perry Saturn, and Paul Heyman's most famous creation, The Public Enemy.

So when you are watching Raw and see a match for the Hardcore Championship or you see Raven and Hak (The Sandman) using barbed wire on Nitro, remember that it was ECW that started it all by revolutionizing the professional wrestling industry, despite the fact that everyone said it should not, could not and would not be done. **ecw**



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Always a fighter, Taz discusses defending his title and what got him to the top



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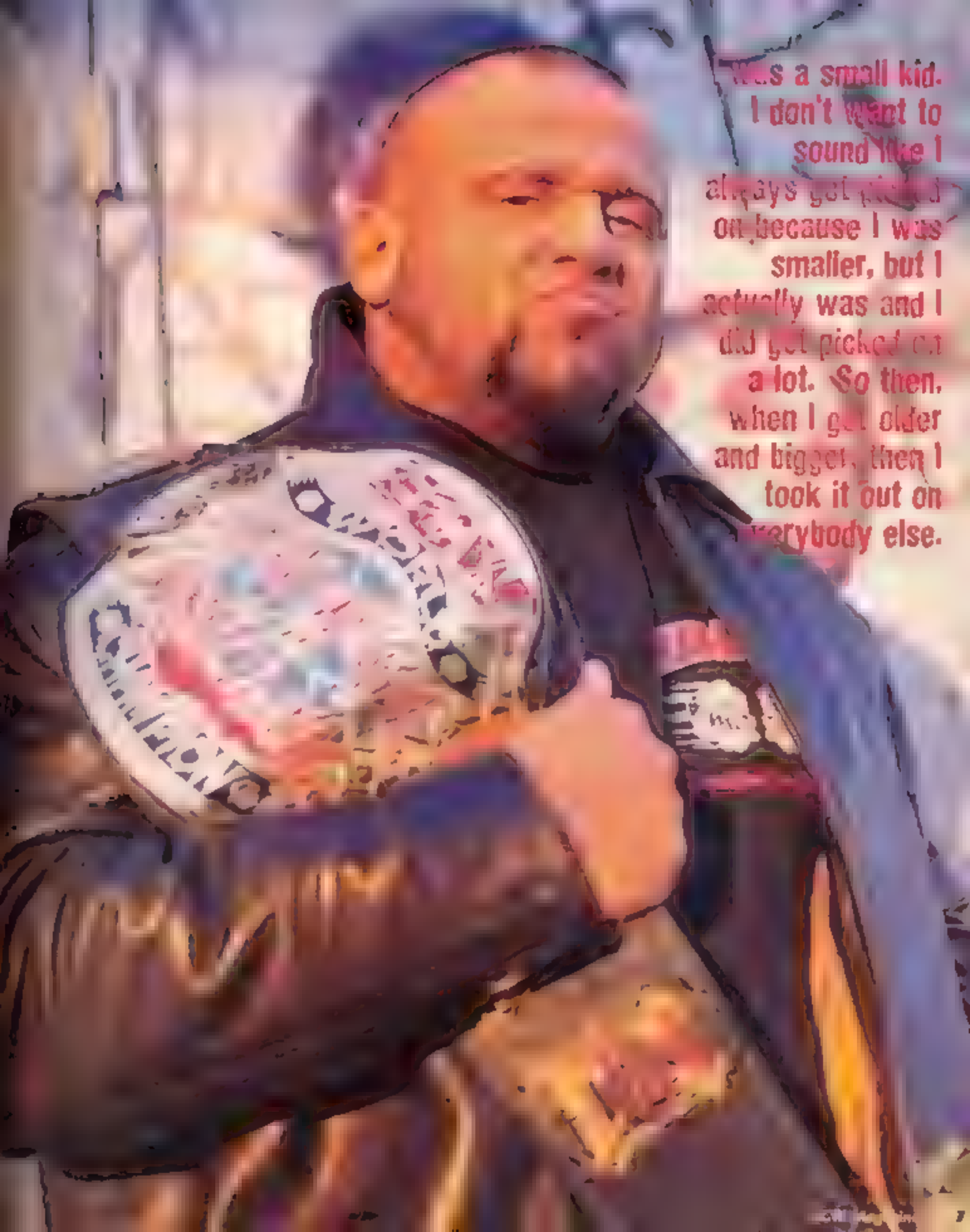
5'10", 248 pounds.

Born in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Q. Did you have an interest in Pro Wrestling?

I used to watch it when I was younger. I wasn't, like, a fanatic about it. I remember Bruno Sammartino and Super Star Billy Graham, and they were cool. I figured, hey, I could just do good and win, beat everyone and make a lot of money. I didn't know there was a lot more to it than that. Live and learn.

Like, a lot of guys today, they think they are going to make a quick buck and that is kind of what I thought it was. And then I got into it and I saw that it wasn't that way and I couldn't quit. Because I'm not a good quitter. I'm doing this thirteen years in June. It's like a drug, it's very addicting. You can't leave it, you know. You go through so much and you spend so much money when you are younger and you don't get paid but peanuts. But you still do it, you don't quit, you just keep plugging away.



was a small kid.
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always got picked
on because I was
smaller, but I
actually was and I
did get picked on
a lot. So then,
when I got older
and bigger, then I
took it out on
everybody else.



Q. What is your sports background?

I went to the dojo when I was nine years old and earned a black belt. As a young kid, because of my father's military background, he wanted me to have the discipline and the dedication to work hard and have the right work ethic. So he got me involved in it. It just stuck. It taught me how to dedicate myself and to achieve my goals to the highest goal I can. And I'm humble — just pick the ball up and try again. That is what it taught me.

Q. At nine years old, wasn't it physically demanding?

Very much so. While all the other kids were out playing and having fun, I couldn't do all that. It kind of made me bitter at a young age.

I was just about the youngest one there except for an eleven-year-old who was there too. Not only was I younger than most of the students, I was smaller too. Not just because of my age, I was a small kid. I don't want to sound like I always got picked on because I was smaller, but I actually was and I did get picked on a lot. So then when I got older and bigger, then I took it out on everybody else. It was tough. I had him (my father), up my butt. I just squeezed it up and gave 50 percent and the rest is history.

Q. Looking back, do you appreciate what he did for you?

Definitely. Without a doubt. Who else? He did not give me a lot of financial gains, because we grew up blue collar, but discipline and trying and not giving up and not going out and drinking and doing drugs. You know, I was too scared to do that. I would get my ass kicked. My old man was a Marine and he was miserable. But I'm proud of what he taught me and stuff like that and I think it makes me who I am today.

Q. Did he want you to go into the Marines?

No. He didn't because it had changed since he was there. He wanted me to go to college and achieve academically and athletically. But, I wanted to [go into the Marines], you know. You want to be like your father, I guess. But my mother didn't want me to and he didn't want me to either because it was a different Marine Corps, as he said, than it was when he was younger. Politics and stuff. I kind of wished I could have. I think I would do OK there.

Q. Were you a serious child?

Yes, very much. ~~sort of~~ I didn't have a lot of friends. I had a couple of friends, maybe two or three. I wasn't one to go hang out and run around with my friends. That wasn't me. I was serious. I really had to put a lot of effort into my school work. Because I was in sports so much, I dedicated so much time to sports that I ran out of time academically. I really had to push myself to achieve. I wasn't a genius. I was definitely not an A student. I was like a B student, B-, C+, that type of kid. I'm going to try to raise my kids to be completely different. I was more street smart.

I got into a fight once when I was 13 years old with two kids that were 16 years old and they beat me up pretty bad. It was over a whiffle ball game (the plastic ball). We used to play in this guy's garage next door to my house, and we were playing for money, to see who could throw the ball the farthest. One thing led to another and I won and they didn't want to pay me. I started arguing with one of them and they roughed me up a bit. As they were walking away, I hit one of them in the back of the head with a cinder block then my older brother came running out of the house and he seen me and he kicked the crap out of both of them. But you know, I was not a kid who would back down, because if my brother, my father, or one of my uncles, they'd kill me. So if I came home after I had lost a fight, it was like, OK, you lost a fight, now you are going to lose a fight at home because you lost a fight! I can't lose!

Q. Isn't that the way the Brazilian Ultimate Fighting family, the Gracies are? You'd better die in that ring before you throw in the towel?

Yeah, similar. I'll give the Gracies their due. My martial arts background isn't nowhere near what the Gracies family is. I've achieved a lot, but not like them. I mean, those guys dedicated their whole life to it. I dedicated a portion of mine. There's no money in it (Ultimate Fighting style). You got to pay the bills, you know what I'm saying?

Q. Did you have any amateur background in wrestling?

I wrestled my junior and senior years in high school. It's a segue from judo. Actually, the main way I got into judo was through my cousin Joe Chetti, who is Chris Chetti's older brother. He got me into it more than anyone and made me want to achieve.



Q. In your immediate family, did you have a lot of role models?

My brother yes and no. My brother is not an athlete. He's a musician, actually. And he's very successful. He's a jazz artist, a keyboard player and has made many albums. So he and I are completely different in that sense. But he wasn't a partyer or a drug addict or a drunk, so in that sense he was a role model and he was eight years older than me. But Joey Joe Chetty, he was so good at everything. If he touched a football, he'd score a touchdown. If he got on a mat with a guy as an amateur wrestler, he'd pin him. If he put a guy on and got in a dojo as a judo player, he could've thrown someone and he'd pin him. A young. He's just naturally so successful. It was like, I had to compete against that.

Q. Was it frustrating to have to always be competing with someone in your own family?

Yeah, it was but it motivated me. I didn't get angry about it, I got motivated from it. I didn't have a lot of friends that I got help from. I wasn't really that type of guy. Still today, I'm not a really a big family man. Of course with my wife, and I have a baby on the way that is different but like with parents or my brother and his wife and his children, I'm not really close with them. I talk to them on holidays and such.

but I'm always on the road so much. I don't want to say I'm the black sheep of the family but I've always tried to do my own thing and I wasn't into all that rah rah with the family. I'm a loner. Big time. Always since I was a kid.

Q. How did you start training?

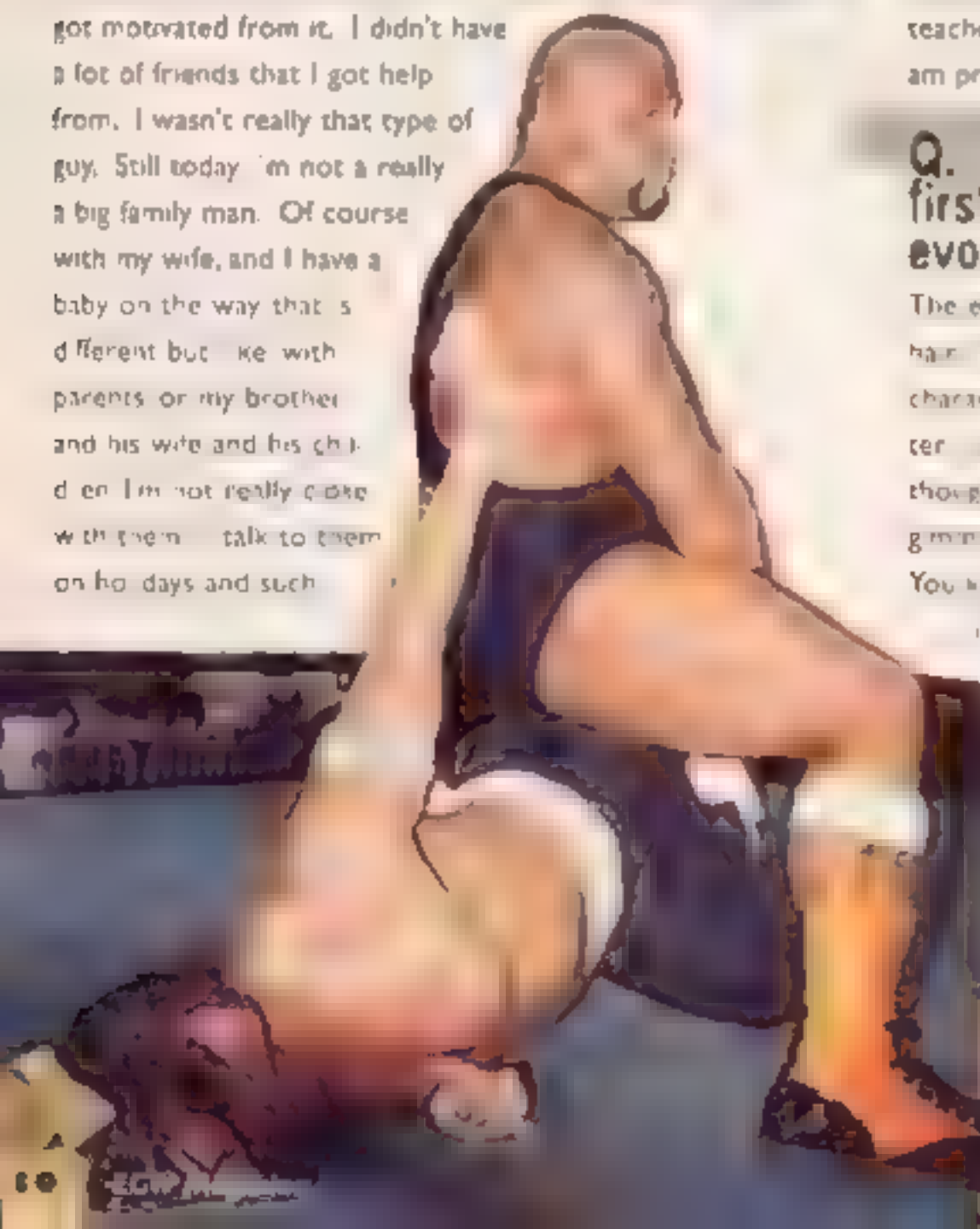
Johnny Rodz trained me in Brooklyn. For about the last seven years he has had a training school at Gleason's Gym. But when I started with Johnny it wasn't at Gleason's. I was at some small, beat-up little hole in the wall with no running water over some auto body shop in Brooklyn on Jerome Avenue.

The training was kind of easy to learn. Especially for a kid, stuff because the way pro wrestlers fall, judo players fall the same way. That was easy. What was hard to learn as far as pro wrestling was the psychology of it, when to do something, when not to do something. Also physically, I thought it would be easy compared to all the things I had done physically as a kid, but it was actually harder. I mean, the pounding night after night, the training and Johnny Rodz was a very, very physical teacher. He taught me the old school way, the old style and I'm proud of that. Because he's an old timer.

Q. The character of the Tazmaniac first debuted Oct. 1, 1993. How has it evolved to Taz?

The evolution to Taz started when I cut my hair. I hated the hair. I had long curly hair. That was the right look for that character, the Tazmaniac. I came up with that whole character. I'm not as tall as a lot of the guys that wrestle so I thought, let me use that to my advantage. I came up with the gimmick of like the Tazmanian Devil. I had a good run with it. You know, being barefoot and painting my face. People would look at me that didn't know me (that had never seen me wrestle) and they would laugh at the way I looked; I looked like a cartoon character. Once they saw me wrestle and knew I could actually wrestle then they knew it was just a gimmick. I don't want to say I'm not happy that I did it. I had to do it. Then I knew it was time to take it off and be me.

And that is what Taz is. I can just be me.



Tights boots tight cropped haircut. And just go for it. And just speak my mind on the microphone. That's what I want to be and that is me. It's a natural thing. As a wrestler when you've been told you can be you can succeed nine out of ten times it just comes to you. I'm fortunate enough that I have a boss that let me make the gimmick that I had in the Tazmaniac. I was fortunate for that. But the Tazmaniac had to be over to a certain point before you kill the Tazmaniac and that's what Paul and I did. So we waited till it was over for a certain point. Because I said from the beginning I wanted to use this look I want to use this name I want to use the lights the hair. Paul said, no no. Wait one year two years three years. And finally it was over enough and it was over as a wrestler.

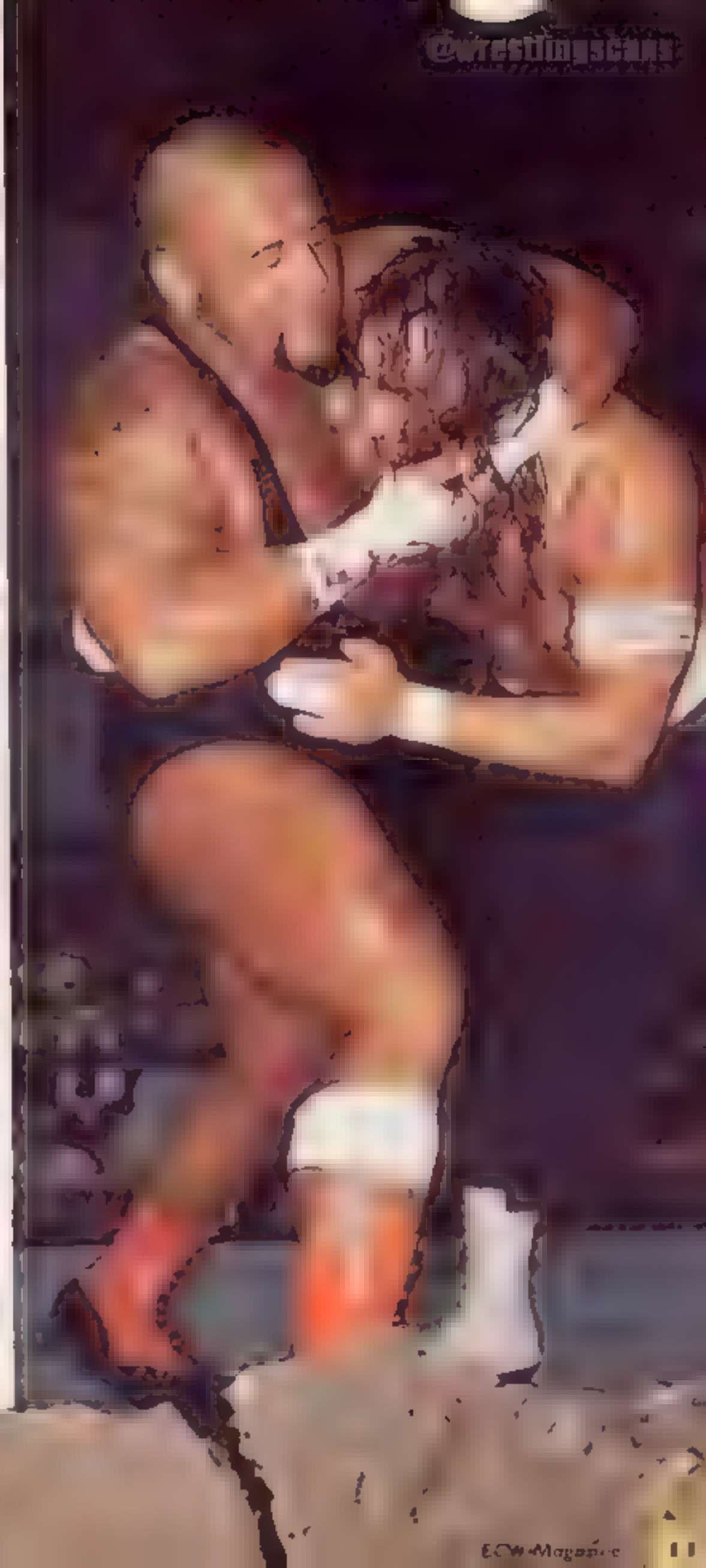
People just knew it was a character. I'm not Spike Heel, a little goofy. But he ain't that goofy. But since he's a heel, not a wrestler you could put Spike Dudley out there in tights and boots right now he still be over the same way. And the Dudley Boys. That's a perfect example. They are rough tough heels and they kick ass. And if you put them in regular trunks and boots they're gone. They will still be over. I'd love to see those guys in regular boots. That would be hilarious.

Q. Do you think that Team Taz helped get the real Taz over?

Yes, I think so. Those guys were really students at my school. That was a real thing. I got the idea because you watch boxers with entourages and at the time that Team Taz Ultimate Fight was real popular so I didn't have the idea but I just kind of did the same thing. It was cool. Nobody was doing it. Nobody had entourages in pro wrestling. They all had my colors on with the hoods and it was kind of cool.

Q. And you no longer have Team Taz, it's just you...

They are around but now they are wrestling. Half of them like Roadkill, Danny Doring [and] Chris Chetti.



The other four guys just didn't cut the mustard. They couldn't make it as wrestlers, they quit or got kicked out of the dojo. Team Taz taught guys like Roady Doring and Chetti to be in front of all these thousands of people in the audience, the lights and the cameras. It just teaches them in a slow way how not to have stage fright.

Q. Discuss Taz - The Human Suplex Machine...

I do so many different variations of the suplexes, and I actually do them correctly. A lot of people try to steal certain suplexes I do and it's not the same. It's like if I tried to go out there and start going 'whoa' and start chopping guys like Ric Flair, then I wouldn't get over like Ric Flair because there's only one Ric Flair. The originals always the best. There can only be one Human Suplex Machine. And that's it.

Q. What about the Tazmission (A submission choke hold)?

I wanted to have a submission hold. Paul E. didn't want me to have one. So I showed him in the locker room the hold I wanted to use. He said, 'That looks like nothing.' I said, 'It is something.' So he said, 'Let me see it. Put it on me.' So I put it on him. He said, 'It doesn't feel like anything,' so I tightened it up a little bit and he almost passed out. Even to this day should just have choked him out right there. But it's a legitimate hold and you have to know how to apply it to make it work. I'm the only guy in ECW with a submission hold and I started pushing the whole tap out thing real hard and then, all of a sudden, everybody in WCW has a submission hold. And they are not just giving up. Now they are tapping out. I think a lot of that was copied from me and Ultimate Fight.

Q. What's your relationship with Paul Heyman?

We used to be really good friends. I've known him almost ten years. But then, you know, I've been working for him for five years.

now and it's like you can be best friends with a guy but once you start doing business together and you work for him or he works for you, whatever things happen. We grew apart as really good friends. I still respect the hell out of him and I know he respects me. He's done a lot for me. Like when I was out with a broken neck for over eight and a half months, I was paid. He stood by me and my family when I was down. It was just like when his company was down, I stood by him. That is good karma. I believe that is the way it should be. We used to travel together, me, him and Dreamer.

But when they say we are going to leave for the town at two in the afternoon, I'm ready to go at 2:00 on the dot. Then they are leaving at 3:30 that drives me berserk. I hate traveling with undisciplined, not punctual people. So I'm hard to travel with. I usually travel by myself because I have my own agenda. So I got away from traveling with Paul because he kind of does his own thing. I guess when you are the boss you can do that.

Q. Describe the part you played in ECW's success.

I see it in my paycheck. I see the success. I don't want to say we've been lucky. Because for damn sure we haven't been lucky. Everybody has been against ECW. No one thought Paul Heyman could do what he's doing. Sometimes I don't think he can do what he's doing. Kevin Sullivan once told me 'Paul E. has got a horseshoe up his ass.' Basically what that means is no matter what happens, he's going to come out smelling like a rose. Paul E. finds a way to shine. The company has been successful. I mean Pay-Per-Views. Last year we did four and this year we're doing six. I'm shocked. I remember when we couldn't get to our first one. It seems like it was just yesterday. It happened so fast. I'm proud of the company.

In ECW, there's other guys, newer, stronger talent. Guys like Justin Credible who I've never wrestled and I'd love to give him a title shot. Rob Van Dam, I've beat him a couple of different times when I was the TV Champ, but he's a different wrestler now. He's a big superstar and I'd love to give Rob a chance at my belt. Shane Douglas. Anytime Shane Douglas and Sabu want a rematch with me, they are more than welcome. I think Sabu and I will have a rivalry until we both retire. It's been there from day one.

we wrestled each other Oct. 1, 1993, in Philadelphia and that was both of our debuts (in ECW).

Q. Describe the challenges of being ECW World Heavyweight Champion...

I'd like to stay there. I'm the type of guy though, once I achieve the goal, I'm like 'OK, now, what?' Now, I'm not saying I'm bored with the ECW World Heavyweight Belt, I love it, you know. I feel my workload has gotten 20 times harder. It took me five years to get the belt, and now I got to work my butt off to keep the belt, because there's so many people that are trying to get it from me. Like, I got Shane Douglas, who hates my guts because he feels I took his belt. Well, it's my belt

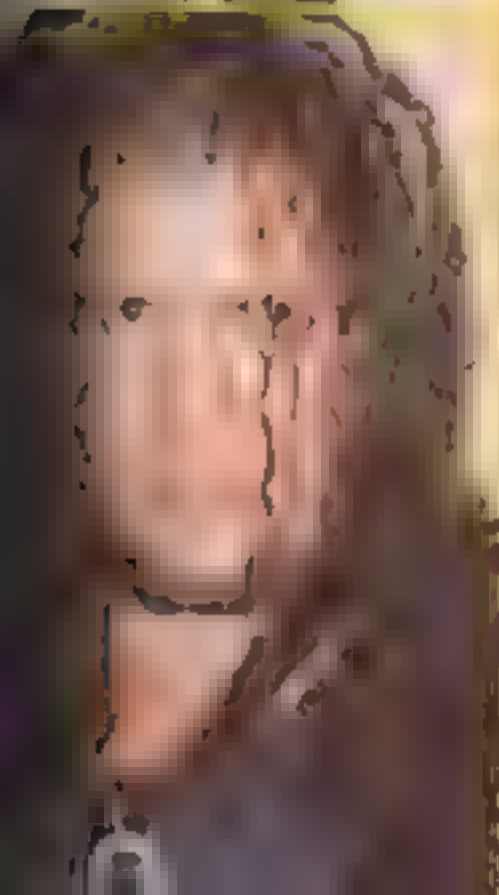
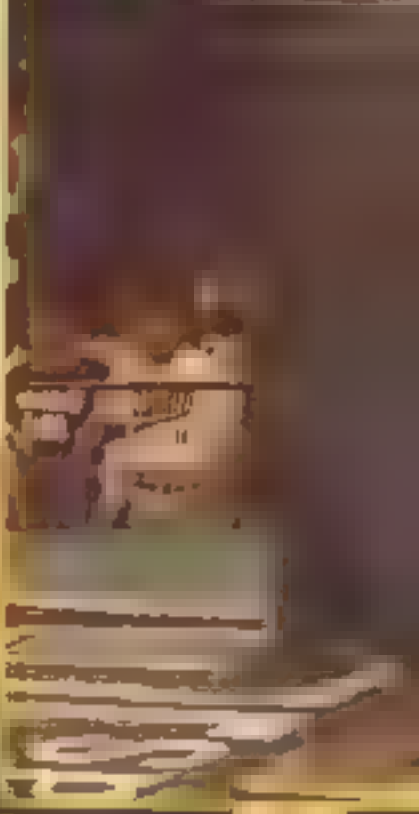
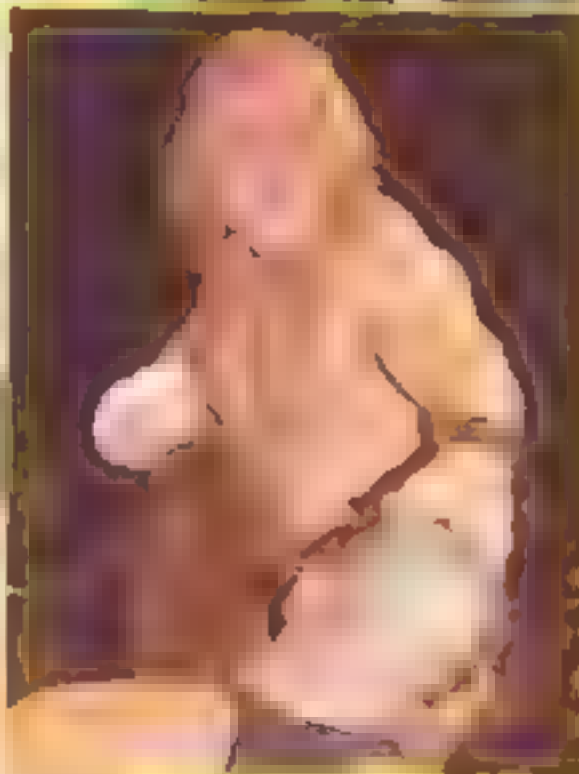
now, it ain't his no more. And Sabu, well I hate him till the day he dies, and I'll hate him. And Van Dam, his ego is so big he just wants to have all the belts. And he might be good enough to have all of them but he is going to have to beat me to have the main one. And I don't see that happening. And Justin Credible, he's a young lion, and the promotion is behind him. I'd love to give the young guys a chance, like the Road Kill's and the Chris Chettus - not because I trained these guys but because they've earned it. Guys like the Dudley Boys, or Balls or Axl, I'll wrestle them, separately, I'll wrestle them. We got some good solid tag teams, you know. And those guys individually are good wreslders. So we got a hell of a crew and there is a lot more for me to prove. **ecw**



HARD CORE EGW WRESTLING

A Look @ the
past, present
& future

By Joseph Pollaro



"ECW," "ECW," "ECW."

The name, the chant, conjures up different things to different people. But whether you are down with ECW or not, it can't be denied that what was once a small, regional promotion based in Philadelphia has changed the course of wrestling as we know it today.

Today ECW's influence can be found everywhere as former ECW wrestlers are utilized throughout the WWF and WCW. With former ECW stars in both major federations, both the WWF and WCW have blatantly borrowed many of the moves made famous by the ECW performers.

Many credit ECW with introducing wild death-defying moves, but this is not its only claim to fame. The organization is rarely if ever given credit for introducing

the American and Canadian public to the light heavyweight division. ECW was the first organization in the United States to introduce the famous Mexican stars to American and Canadian audiences. In fact, not only did ECW introduce men such as Rey Mysterio, Konnan, and Psicosis, it also made the American and Canadian fans



Paul E. Dangerously and Hotstuff Eddie Gilbert in 1993

aware that there were other very talented wrestlers in the light heavyweight division as well. Would the WCW have hired Chris Benoit, D'Maenro, Eddy Guerrero, and Chris Jericho if hadn't been introduced to the national audience on the ECW TV shows? Those four fighters had been wrestling for several years before appearing in ECW. During this time, WCW never considered hiring them.

Bam Bam Bigelow ECW Champion 1998

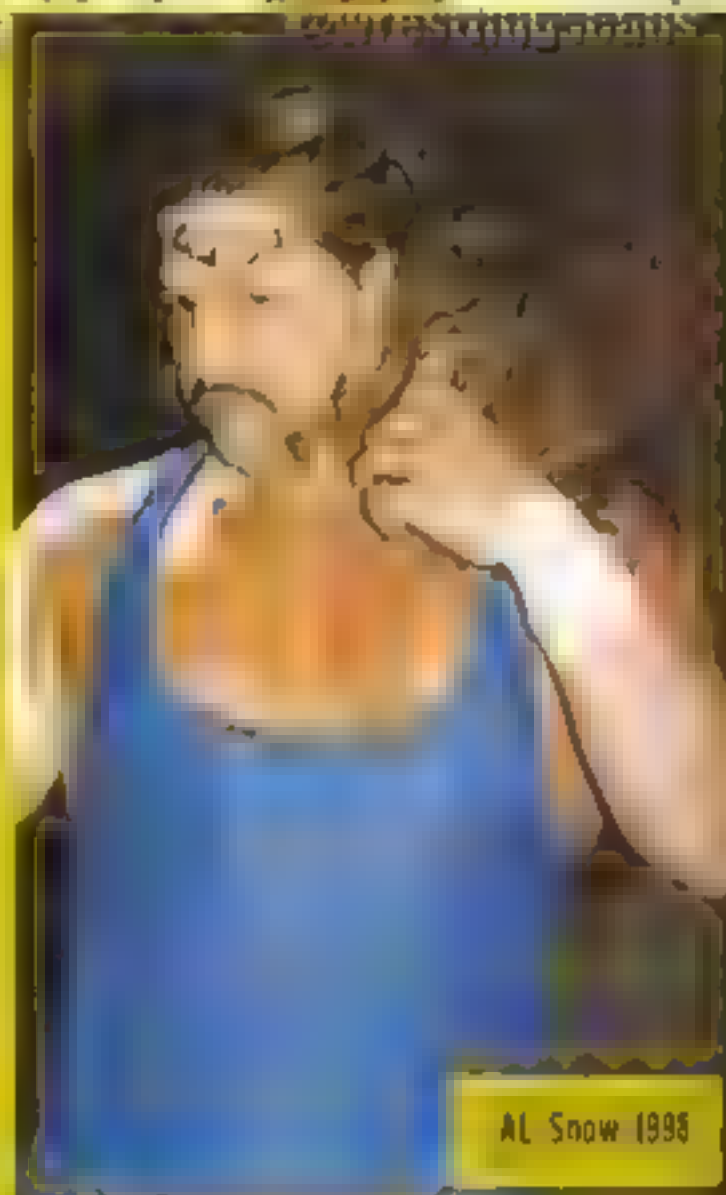
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because of its strict policy of hiring only heavyweights. Obviously working for ECW was a good career move for these men because it enabled them to get over with wings of fans.

These are not the only ECW alumni currently in the WCW, nor are other former ECW stars who are now appearing for WCW, such as Raven, Perry Soto, The Sandman, Bam Bam Bigelow, and others. And while they are not very important members of the WCW team.

Meanwhile, the WCW is the only place where former ECW stars can be found, and it is up to these WWF employees to find the ECW stars for

Mankind.



Al Snow 1998

ECW fans know that Mankind really made a name for himself while working for ECW. As I

mentioned, Mankind, Al Snow, and Insane Clown Posse were the most successful Public Enemy in the WWF. But the most interesting thing about the WWF is that these men were no accident. The WWF brass knew that with the ECW experience of these stars would make an excellent addition to the WWF's roster.

Mankind will be the first to say that he loved his ECW experience. While some of the other stars will say that Mankind became the wrestler he is today because of his experience in ECW, who will say that the ECW style actually evolved from the back of the stage of Mankind. Both may be true. But the style that is he unique only with ECW is actually the same wild kick ass Texas, no mercy, that Texas and Dory Felt. And with the Bitcher Bruiser Body and other

perfecting with back when

Paul E. Dangerously with Jimmy Snuka in 1993

The man responsible for starting ECW is Tod Gordon. Prior to opening ECW, Gordon, a Philadelphia area wrestling promoter, had been involved in the scenes in the Philadelphia-based Tri State Wrestling Alliance (TSWA). In January 1992, TWA folded and Gordon started Eastern Championship Wrestling. He hired Eddie Savage as his first wrestler for ECW at the first one show event, which lasted six weeks and had television clearance.

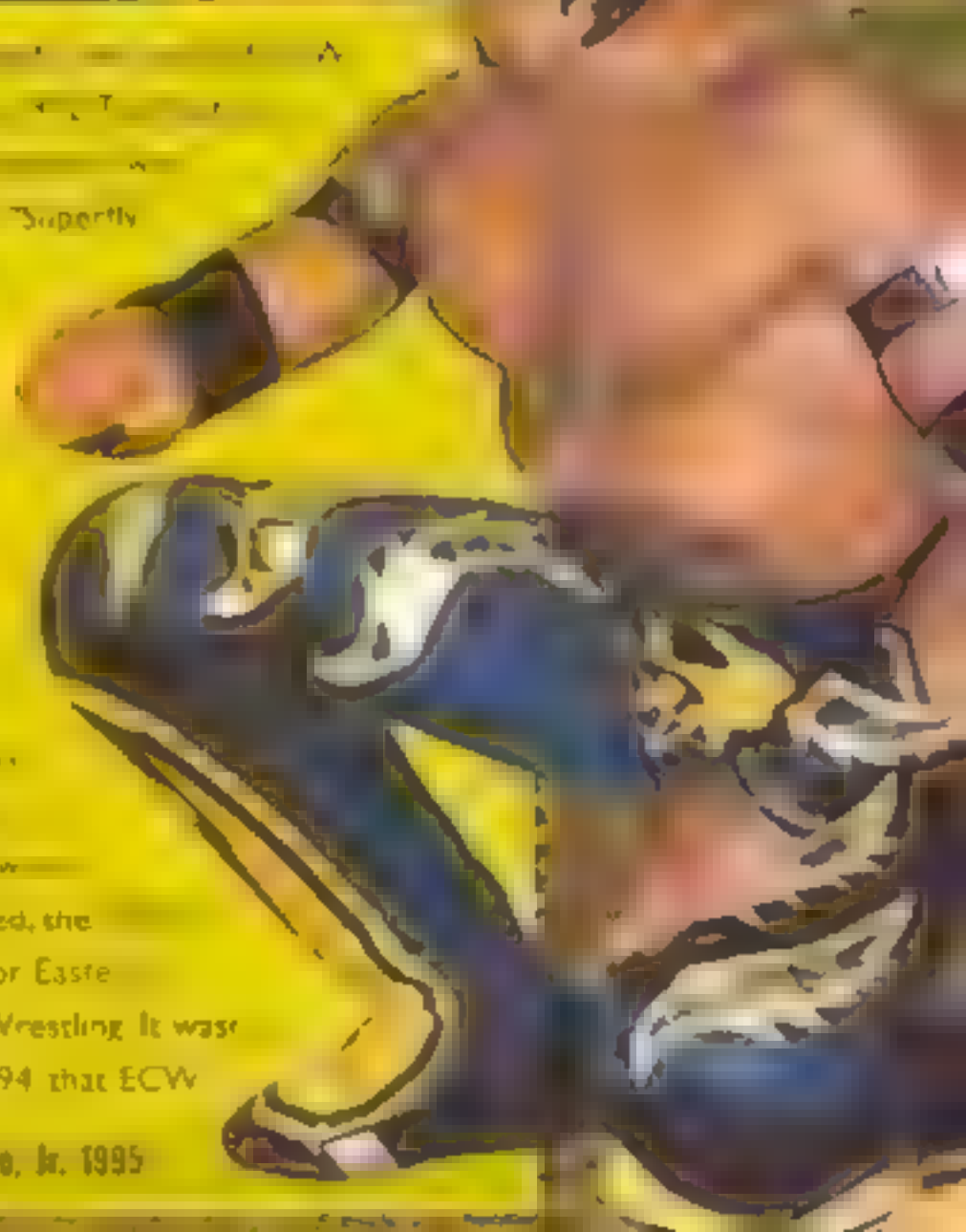


Shane Douglas 1999

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on to hire 28-year-old Paul Heyman, better
an to wrestling fan as Paul E. Dangerously, to
over the creative end.
Dangerously and Gordon's was on for the
started to take shape as they expanded from
ny into New Jersey, New York, Delaware
Florida. In May 1995, Gordon sold his interest
the company to Heyman, who then launched
ier expansion that built the company, " " ,
a house

While ECW may not be at the level of the
or the WWF it is, nonetheless, a major
a story with television outlets all over
Japan, Taiwan, Australia and the Middle East
pay-per-views this year, a record deal, and its
revenue is projected to be a record.
"It's a great time for everyone," the WWF
copying ECW ideas and story lines
and with this, ECW is looking
every day.

ECW first started, the "ECW" stood for East Coast Championship Wrestling. It was on Aug. 27, 1994 that ECW



Rey Misterio, Jr. 1995

became Extreme Championship Wrestling. And with its new name came a new philosophy.

The organization relied heavily on the stars

Heine in a tournament for the NWA World Tag Team Championship which included Heine, Taz, Dean Malenko, Chris Benoit, Too Cool

Shogun and 9-11 Douglas were the favorites but in a moment of destiny to this day has wrestling legends up in the air. Heine and renounced the NWA World Tag Team Championship. The tournament was of Extreme World Championship.

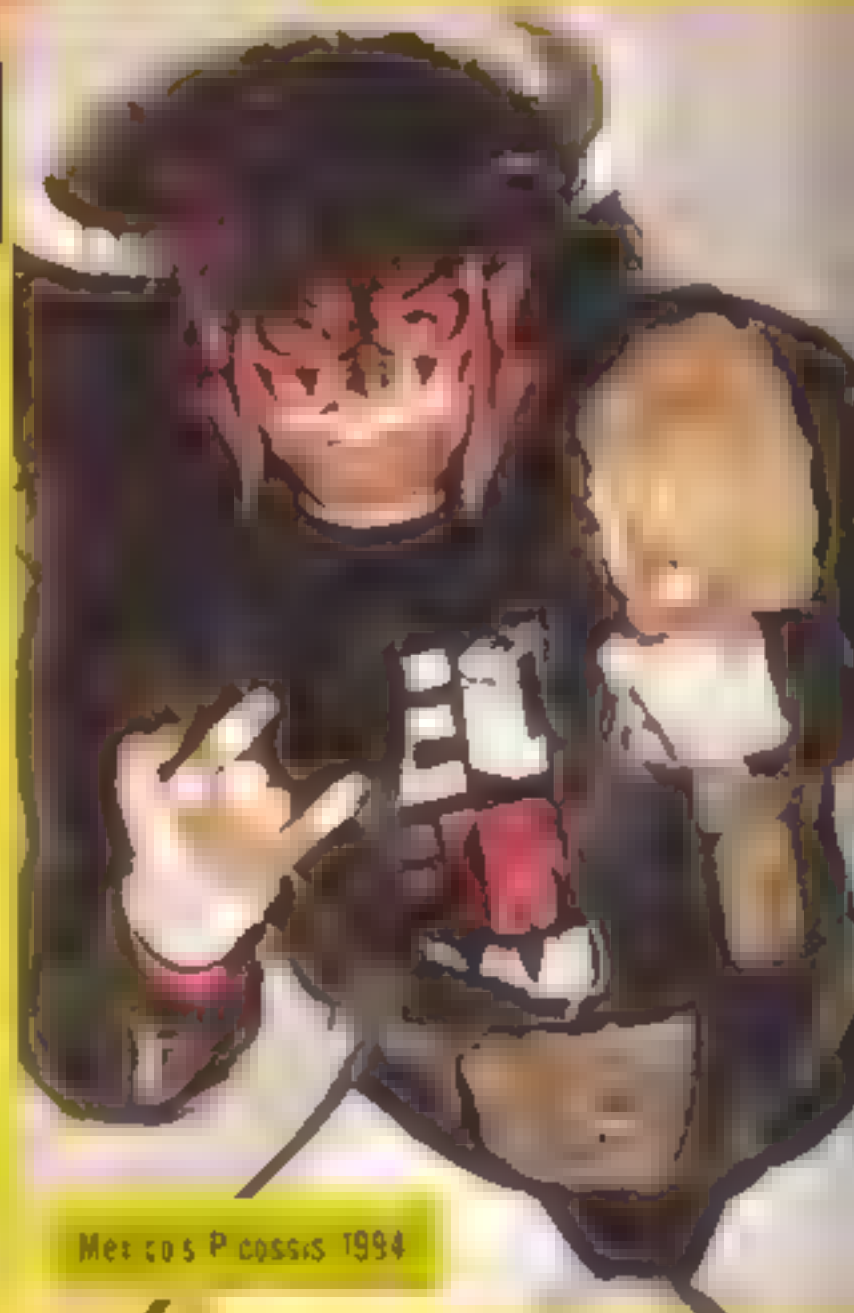
The first thing which made it big in ECW was the Sandman. The Sandman was a fast and furious wrestler. He was a very powerful wrestler and a very good wrestler.



The Pit Bulls former ECW Tag Team Champions 1997

who were the former Pit Bulls. In addition to Superfly Jimmy Snuka (who was a champion) and Mike D. (who was a champion) the former had been a champion of the WWF during his prime. By the time they were competing in ECW however they were past their primes and were not the same wrestlers.

The first extreme champion was Shane Douglas. Douglas won the title on May 26, 1994 during an 8-man tag team match. According to the pre-match announcement, the winner of the match was Terry Funk could lose the title. He was, and during the hour Douglas emerged victorious and was crowned the new Eastern champion. A part of that year Douglas was the Eastern champion.



Merco's P. Cossis 1994

and the extreme con. With his Singapore
 Stryker by his side, the
 on was the first true ECW hero
 who won his first ECW title on
 6/19/92 and would go on to cap-
 tain ECW's mid-Heavyweight Title
 run of 1992-93 ECW career.

For the men who have wrestled in
 his ring embodies the ECW spirit
 of it. Terry Funk Funk's appearance
 in the ECW gave the organiza-
 tion a new look with the fans and the
 wrestlers that were needed. For
 without that being in the same
 place with legend Terry Funk
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At the time know that whenever
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For the first time in Terry Funk
 is ECW one that stands out is
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As a fan just stood there in the con-
 crete arena. This began the extreme
 movement in the matches. From that night
 of the ECW fan's began to bring their
 weapons to the arena for the wrestlers to
 use in the

making history ECW tag team legends
 Public Enemy, Rocko Rock and Johnny Grunge
 he overbooked. When ECW was starting
 its reputation as a hardcore organization
 Public Enemy was the tag team champion. Night
 after night Public Enemy electrified the crowds
 with outstanding performances. In its ECW
 Public Enemy captured the tag team title
 on different occasions and was the team that

literally changed the face of tag team wrestling.
 Before Public Enemy came on the scene tag team



The Dudley Boyz

members had to tag their partner's in and out of
 the ring. Because of Public Enemy's name was
 eradicated from the name book.

The respect that the fans and the new wrestlers
 had for Public Enemy was never more evident
 than during the last ECW match before closing
 the WCW. At the match's conclusion, every
 the entire ECW organization came to the ring
 one by one to publicly thank Rocko Rock and
 Johnny Grunge for all that they did to help make
 ECW into a world class organization. The fans
 the arena stood on their feet and gave Public
 Enemy a send-off they may never see again.

While Public Enemy's role in ECW tag team
 hero of old, its hardcore reputation has been



Sabu

passed it with the Dudley Boyz, Bull, Brian Ray and D-Von.

When the ECW first set its eyes on the Dudleys and their ridiculous tie dyed t-shirts, they couldn't believe their eyes and jumped right out. But their backs were turned on deal cards as the Dudleys began to connect to make the ECW. And needless to say they made it all the way to the top with their wild never say die attitude. To date the Dudleys have become the ECW's tag team champions five times and are now set to come to be recognized by a new generation.

Van Dam Another ECW favorite is Van Dam. He is the top tag team as Public Enemy was before them.

Another man who has made his reputation in ECW is Sabu. Before wrestling in ECW Sabu was called for several years on local independent cards across the US.

Although he was an exception to the rule.

talent Sabu was never able to make it on a national scale. However, when ECW came along he was ready to shine. With his acrobatic drawing cards and his devilishly high flying antics he immediately endeared himself to the ECW fans. While Sabu could wrestle as well as blow, he was his avocation for tables that made him an ECW legend. He was the first wrestler to make people feel like they were in his ring. During every one of his matches Sabu would invariably send his opponents flying through the table usually a half dozen times or more.

Today Sabu is just as wild and crazy as he was when he first joined ECW. He has held the ECW Heavyweight title twice and the tag team title three times. He has also won the ECW World Championship and the ECW World Tag Team Championship. He is a true wrestler and was the word best again.

Sabu's partner in crime, Brian Van Dam, another man who never fails to excite the crowd with his outstanding moves, grace and grace. Many consider Van Dam to be the "show" wrestler. His dedication toward Van Dam is a true friendship. Sabu is a bet that because of this one day soon Van Dam and Sabu will come to blow over it.

While there are quite a few former ECW wrestlers scattered throughout the wrestling world, the organization is still a great place to have been. The strength of ECW lies not in the number of people who have left, but in the fact that every wrestler in the ECW took responsibility for the success of the organization. Paul E. Dangerously is a born a soldier and there are always new stars on the horizon ready to move up the ladder to the top. The future for ECW lies in men such as Jason Credible, Lance Storm, Chris Chetti and Tazz. With these fighters and perennial favorites Taz, Tommy Dreamer, Francine, Tommy Sabu, Van Dam and the Dudleys, ECW can only get bigger.

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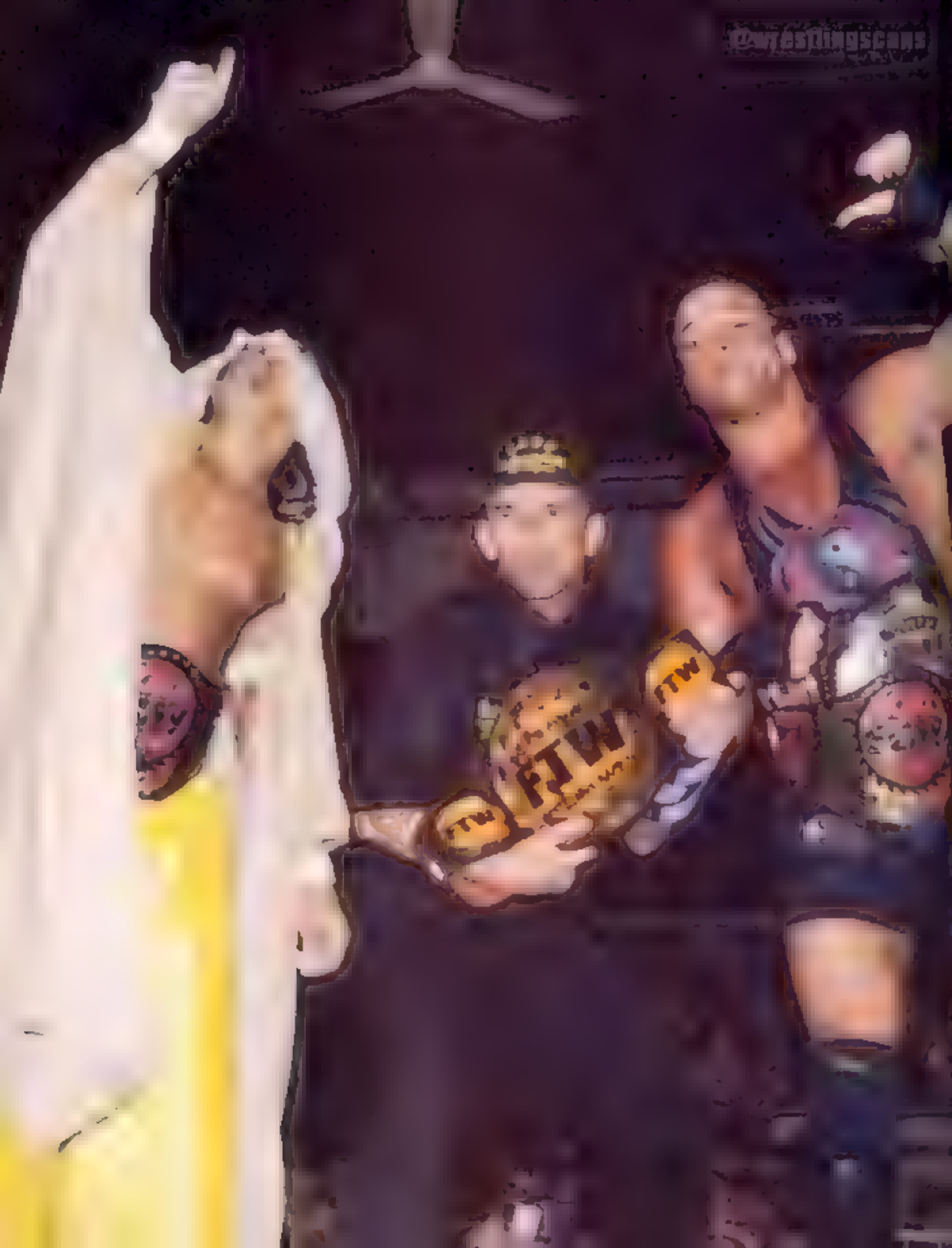
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Van Dam And Sabu: A Team For The Ages!

Many say there is no better tag team in the wrestling world today than Rob Van Dam and Sabu.

By Joseph Pollaro

They are head and shoulders above the competition in the tag team division. The "Extreme Team" has that rare combination of speed, agility and ability that separates the winners from the losers. But whether this combination will go down as the greatest of all time has a lot to do with the two individual personalities. Both Sabu and Van Dam are very volatile, one could snap at any moment. Should this happen everything that they worked so hard to achieve would go up in smoke. This is where Bill Alfonso comes into play. Alfonso knows the strengths and weakness of both Sabu and Rob Van Dam. He also knows that his own success depends on keeping both of his men happy and free of petty jealousies and arguments. This is not an easy task and one that keeps Bill Alfonso awake at night.

As a manager Bill Alfonso has few peers. He coaches his men from ringside and constantly studies their opponents so that he can alert them to what is happening both inside and outside the ring. What really sets Alfonso apart from other wrestling managers is not the annoying whistle in his mouth but his outstanding refereeing career prior to becoming a manager. During the early 80s, Alfonso was frequently called upon to be the special referee whenever there was a world championship match. At the time, his main base of operation was in Florida, but Alfonso would travel all over the world to referee important bouts.

With the demise of Florida Championship Wrestling Alfonso joined WCW as a special referee. Following this stint he joined the WWF where he





was once again involved in many championship bouts.

After a more than 10-year career as a referee, Alfonso felt that the time had come to try his hand at something different. At the same time, ECW was beginning to tour Florida on a regular basis. As soon as Alfonso went to an ECW show in his hometown, he knew that he was hooked. "I loved it," Alfonso recalled. "It was entirely different from my previous situations and I immediately knew that I somehow had to get more involved."

Alfonso immediately offered his services to then-ECW commissioner Tod Gordon. Knowing Alfonso's history, Gordon agreed to let Alfonso become a part of ECW. Alfonso, however, turned out to be Gordon's worst nightmare.

As soon as Alfonso arrived in Philadelphia, he went to the commission and had himself appointed head of the ECW referees. With this post, Alfonso was given broad sweeping powers beyond the scope of a normal referee. He had the authority to jump into the ring and stop a match if he saw something that he didn't like. During one of his weaker moments, he outlawed extreme violence. His penchant for getting involved with the ECW action led to a major clash with Gordon. He and Alfonso eventually came to blows in the middle of the ring during an ECW event. In retrospect, this happened two years before WCW head Eric Bischoff or WWF boss Vince McMahon ever dreamed about getting physically involved in the action.

Once the Tod Gordon controversy had run its course, Alfonso persuaded

Taz to let him be his manager. With Alfonso in his corner, Taz stepped out of the preliminaries and moved right into the main events. Early in 1998 however the Taz-Alfonso relationship started to become a little strained. Alfonso, fearing that Taz would fire him, had a trick up his sleeve. At the April 1998 pay per view Alfonso turned on his protégé and sided with the wild and crazy Sabu during Sabu's match with Taz. As Sabu pummeled Taz, Alfonso ripped off his own shirt to reveal a "Sabu" shirt underneath. This was the start of the Sabu-Taz war in which Alfonso has played a major role. This hatred still exists between the two fighters.

For the remainder of 1998 Bill Alfonso continued to manage Sabu. With Alfonso in his corner Sabu became more focused than he ever was before. But during one of Sabu's many Japanese tours, Alfonso confronted Rob Van Dam and asked him if he would like him to be his manager. Van Dam, knowing of Alfonso's success, readily agreed to let Alfonso manage his affairs.

However when Sabu returned to the ECW arena and found out about the new arrangement that Alfonso had, he went ballistic. Sabu immediately confronted Alfonso in the dressing room and if it weren't for quick intervention by the huge ECW security force Sabu may have torn Alfonso apart limb by limb.

Eventually Sabu and Van Dam came to blows over the Alfonso situation, but somehow somewhere Alfonso managed to persuade both that it





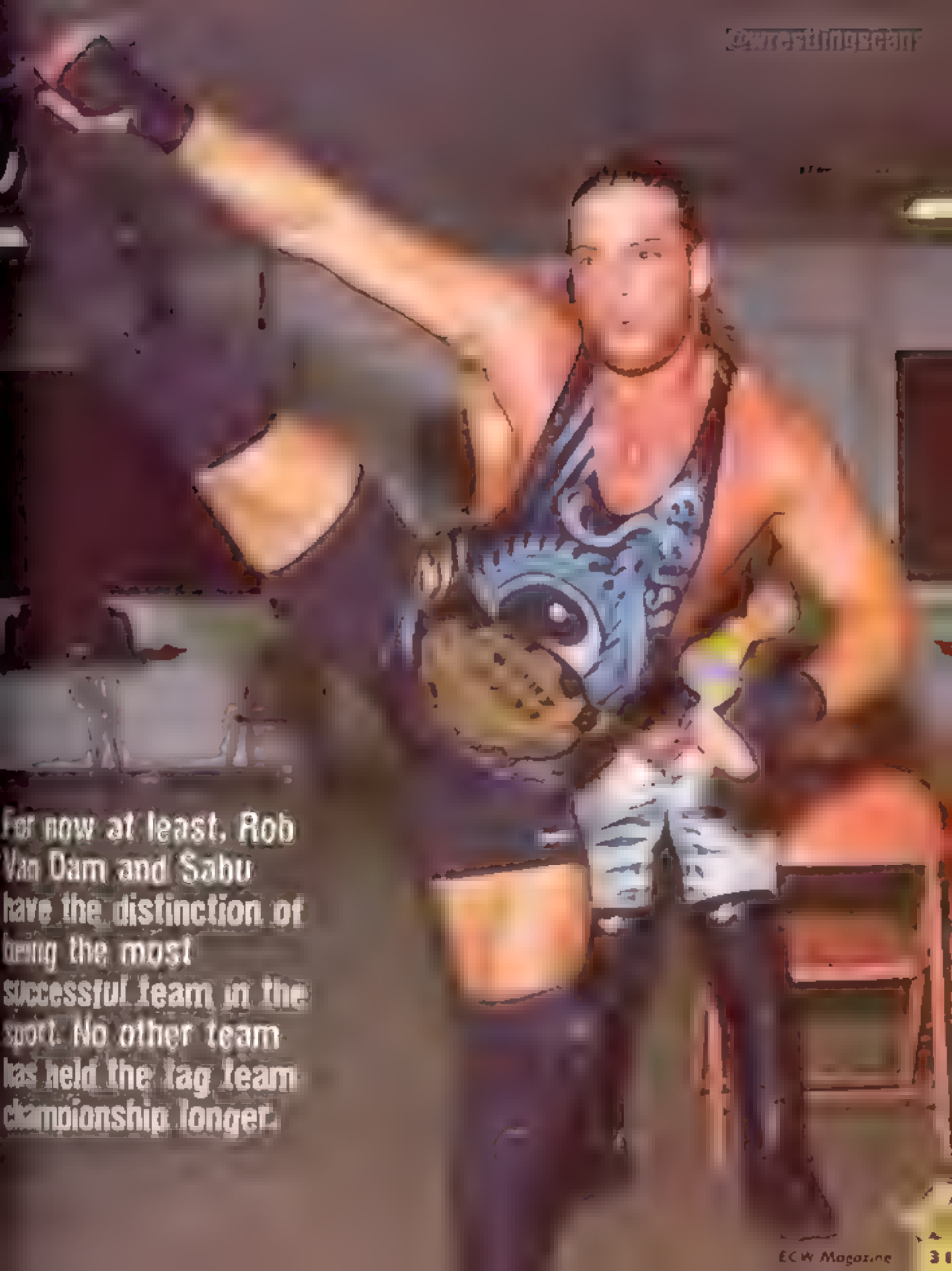
...both of them would be better for their respective careers if they were friends instead of enemies. After much behind-the-scenes bickering, Alfonso got the two most volatile men in ECW to cast aside their differences and work together.

While many in the ECW locker room felt that this situation would never work out, it somehow has. Not only are Sabu and Van Dam tag team champions, but individually both are champions in his own right, with Van Dam holding the ECW TV title and Sabu the FTW belt that he won from Taz. For now at least, Rob Van Dam and Sabu have the distinction of being the most successful team in the sport. No other team has held the tag team championship longer than Sabu and Van Dam. While Bill Alfonso brags that his is a team for the ages, that age could come to a quick end.

Eventually Sabu and Van Dam will come to blows. It's inevitable. Both are very volatile personalities and each feels that he is the most important person in the team. With the ECW faithful referring to Van Dam as the "whole F'n show," their breakup may come sooner than anticipated.

But let's not dwell on the future. For now at least, it can't be denied that the team of Rob Van Dam and Sabu are not only the best tag team in ECW but also in the entire World of Wrestling. *etw*





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Sabu skies to take out two rivals with one blow.



The sport's most successful tag team joins forces to slam an opponent.

With a flying leap,
the "whole F'n show"
eliminates another
opponent.



The Dudleys

DUDLEY BOYZ
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The Best Is Yet To Come!

By Joseph Pollaro



WHO WOULD HAVE EVER
IMAGINED THAT A GROUP OF
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THE INCREDIBLY WACKY
WORLD OF ECW, WHERE THE
ABNORMAL IS NORMAL,
PEOPLE LIKE THE DUDLEYS
ARE CONSIDERED THE
"BOMB!"

When Buh Buh Ray, D-Von, Big Dick, Sign Guy and their "runt" brother, Spike, first appeared in ECW, they were literally booed out of the building. Looking the way they did, it wasn't hard for the ECW faithful to let their displeasure be known by booing them long and loud. And after watching them in action, the fans' boos didn't subside one bit, but actually got louder. But the boys from Dudleyville were determined not to let the ECW "marks" make their lives miserable. In hopes of turning around the impression that the loonies from Philadelphia had made for

them, the Dudleys went to the gym and trained and trained and then trained some more so that they could make a good showing in ECW land.

According to Buh Buh Ray, the unofficial leader and spokesman for the group, "We really didn't know what we were getting ourselves into when we first came to ECW. Hey, we knew that the guys were crazy and the fans just as nuts, but admittedly we weren't quite yet ready to make it to the top of the ECW empire."

The Dudleys' first appearance came in 1996 and right

from the start the Dudleys were having problems among themselves. DW Dudley or

"Dances with Dudley" was the first member from the group to depart the scene. DW, with his Indian background, was a little different from his brothers and just couldn't cut it in ECW. For this reason, DW was politely asked to return "home" and he has never been seen again.

After DW left, the brothers decided that Spike, the "runt" of the family had to go too. Joel Gertner, the self-proclaimed manager of the clan said, "It's sad to say, but in this family just like in many families, there were times when the brothers just couldn't get along with each other. Buh Buh, D-Von, Big Dick, Sign Guy and myself desperately tried to help our little brother, Spike. But as small as he is, he's got a 100-pound cement block sitting on top of his shoulders. Finally, when his brain couldn't absorb our lessons any longer, we had to kick the runt out for his own good. And in retrospect, that was the best thing that we could ever have done for him."

Since Spike was forced out of the family, he has done quite well for himself and has even scored quite a few victories over many of the top stars with his gung-ho spirit and never-say-die attitude.

The most volatile of the Dudley family feuds occurred





was as wild as any battle ever
waged in that arena and firmly
established both as true hard
core competitors. After his
battle, D'von patched up his
differences with the family and
we haven't seen Buh Buh dance

When D von returned to the field it marked the beginning of the Dudleys' dominance in ECW. On March 15, 1997 D von and Bub Bush captured the



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WHILE THE DUDLEYS CONSIDER THEMSELVES THE BEST TAG TEAM IN ECW, MIGHTY WONDER WHY THE SO-CALLED "GREATEST" TAG TEAM IN ECW HAVE THE BELTS TO PROVE IT.

prove it. The truth is, for the past two months, the Dudleys had other things on their mind. First and foremost to them was settling a score with Public Enemy.

At the beginning of the new year a

rumor began circulating that the "greatest" tag team in ECW history was ready to make its triumphant return home. Hearing this, the brothers Dudley went berserk.

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have targeted the current
 ECW tag team champions
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 their next victims. And if you
 believe the Dudleys' manager
 Joe Gerner, it's only a matter
 of time before the belts are
 theirs once again.

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 Joe Gerner. It's victory
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name another team who has
 been as successful as the
 Dudleys? You can't because it's
 not possible. No other active
 tag team today has won as
 many tag team titles as the
 Dudleys have in their ECW
 tenure and believe me, the
 best is yet to come.

Joe Gerner's words may
 prove prophetic because the
 Dudleys are young, talented
 and experienced. Barring
 injuries with a combina-
 tion like this, the
 Dudleys could be
 around this sport
 well into the next
 millennium.

... standing in the ring.
 Since that day in
 Philadelphia, Public Enemy
 has signed a contract to
 wrestle with the WWF and
 will not be returning to ECW.
 While nobody knows for cer-
 tain why this happened, the
 rumor is that Public
 Enemy signed with the WWF
 so that they would not have to
 square off with the Dudleys.
 The source of the rumor is
 unknown, but the Dudleys
 believe every single word of it.
 Now that Public Enemy is
 out of the way, the Dudleys

Sabu:
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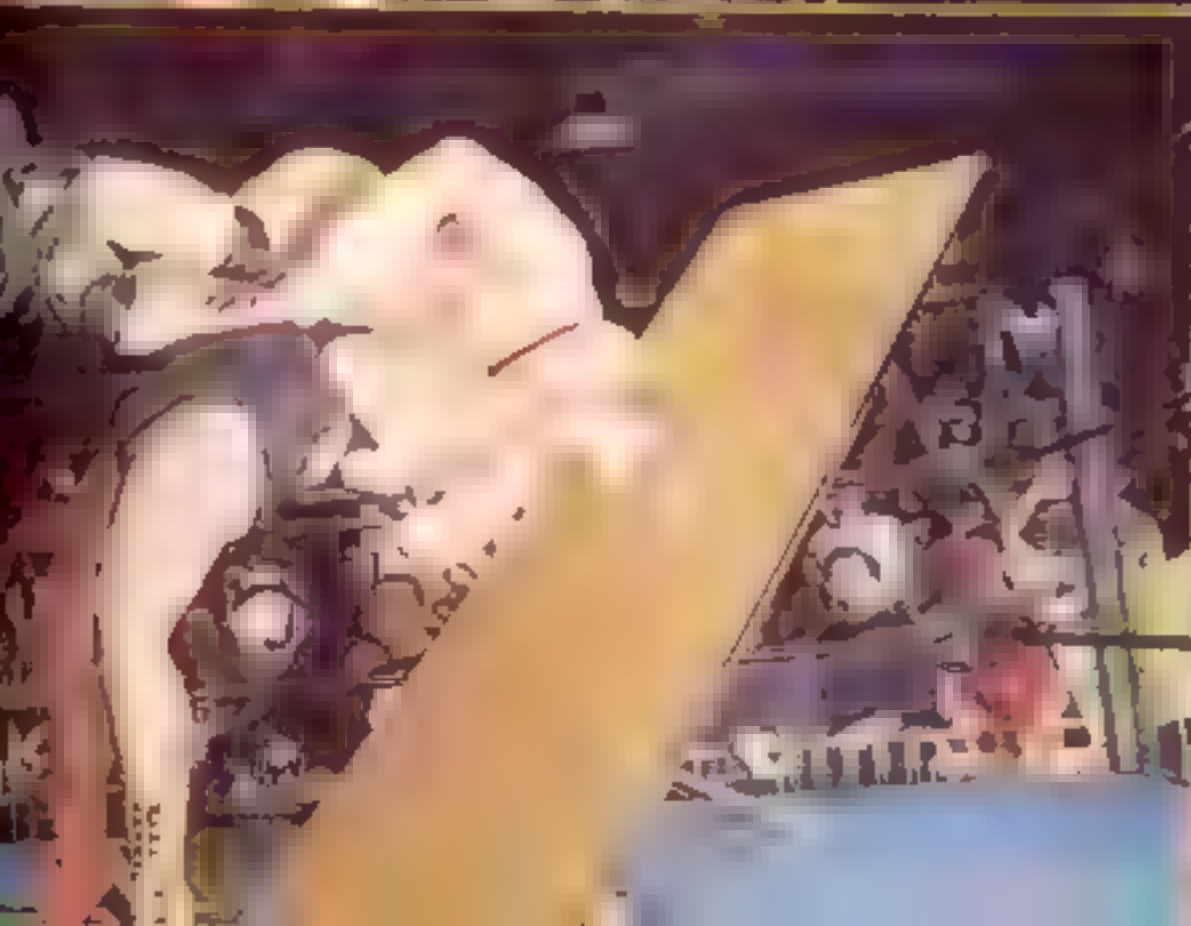
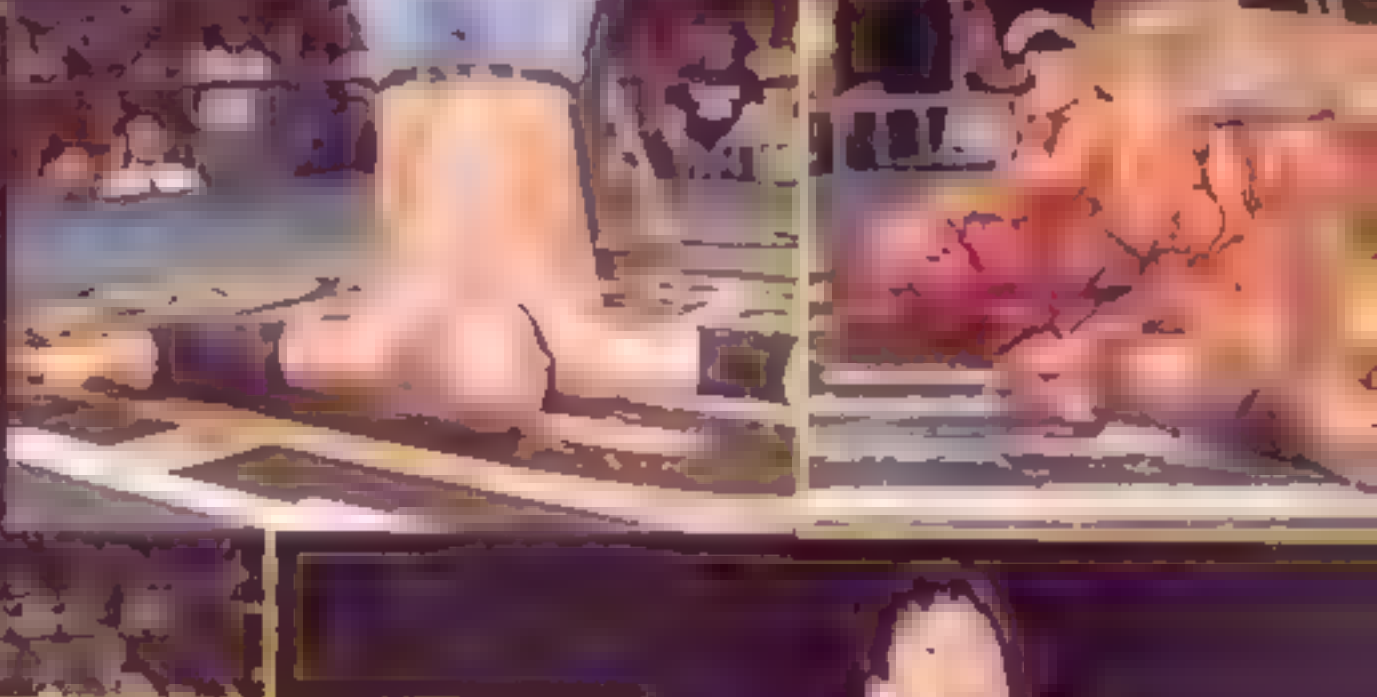
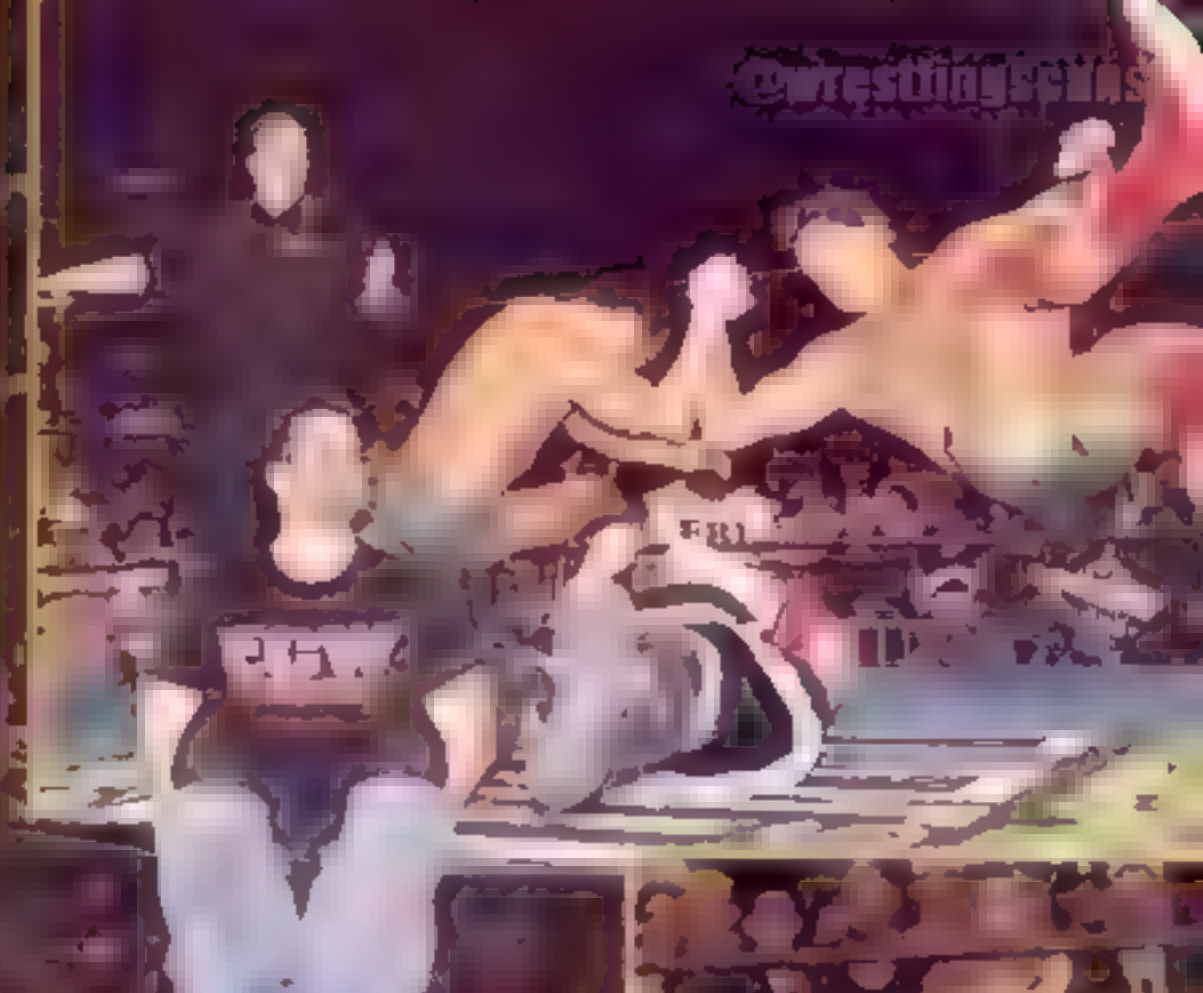
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ECW GUILTY as CHARGED LIVE ON PAY-PER-VIEW

There was one feeling that fans walked away with from the Jan. 10, 1999 **Guilty As Charged** live event: that ECW knows how to put on a show. While injuries prevented two of the scheduled matches from taking place, the event was a ringing success. Fans were thrown by the announcement of the charges in the main event, but were quelled by the way ECW handled the charges part. Anyway, the three-way dance was simple and straight. Lance Storm was given a shot at Rob Van Dam's World Television Title. Tony Stynes made an insinuation just as the pre-game hype was ending that a former WWF champ who turned heel for ECW would be on the pay-per-view. Just after going live, Pat Heyman came on the air and an excited announcer announced that the card was changing. He stated that he had every faith in his talent roster, and despite the absences they were still going to put on a stellar show. History tells us that if we can believe a man who would say this is Heyman and ECW.





The Full Blooded Italians vs. Amish Road Kill and Danny Doring

The Action: The match proceeded a

The Finish:

International Dream Match: Super Crazy vs. Yoshihiro Tajiri

The Action: As the match began, Super Crazy immediately went on the offensive, hitting Tajiri with a series of punches and kicks. Crazy then performed a high kick, sending Tajiri flying through the air. Crazy followed up with a series of punches, eventually knocking Tajiri out. Crazy then celebrated his victory by raising his arms in the air.

The Finish: Tajiri was unable to get back up after being knocked out by Super Crazy.

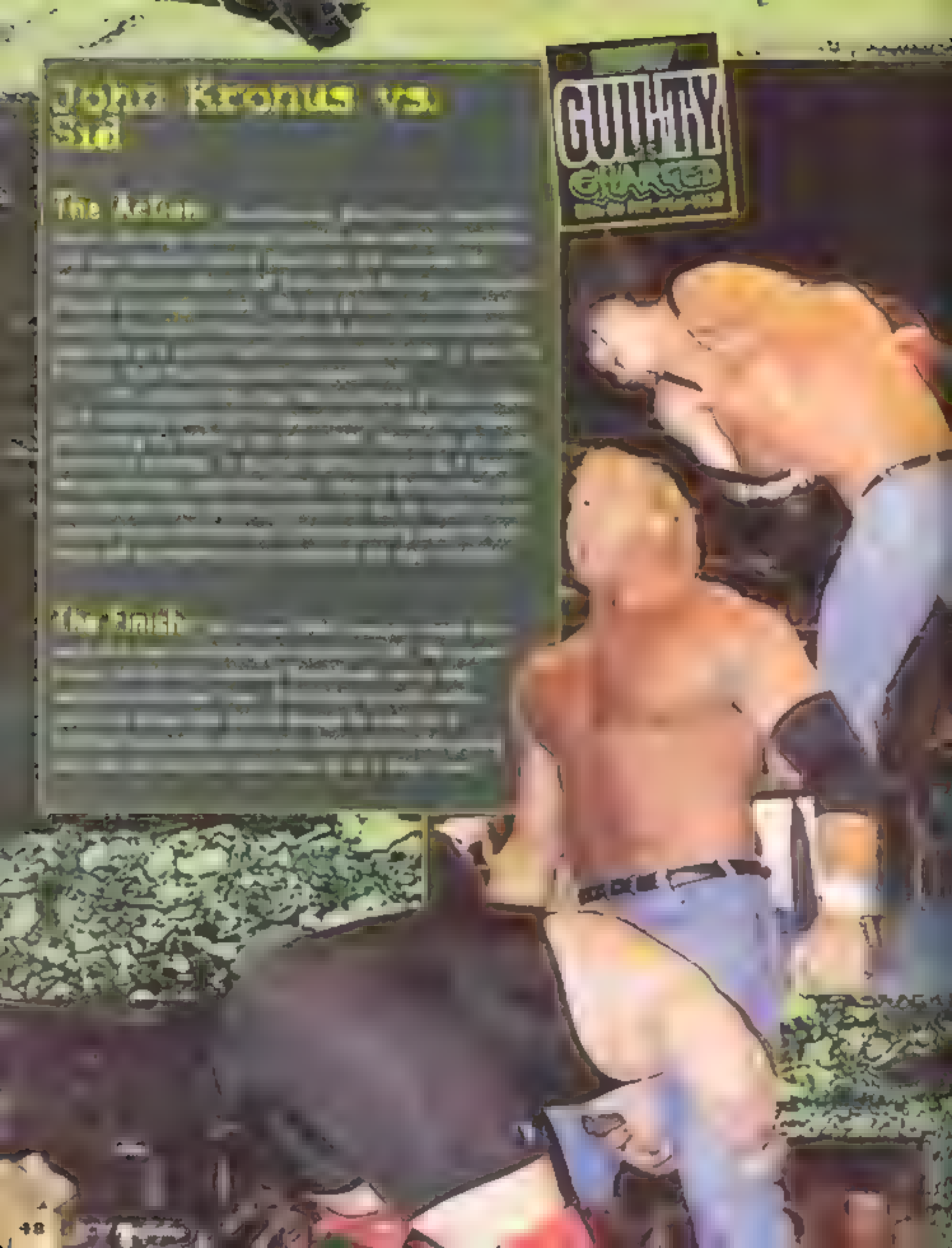


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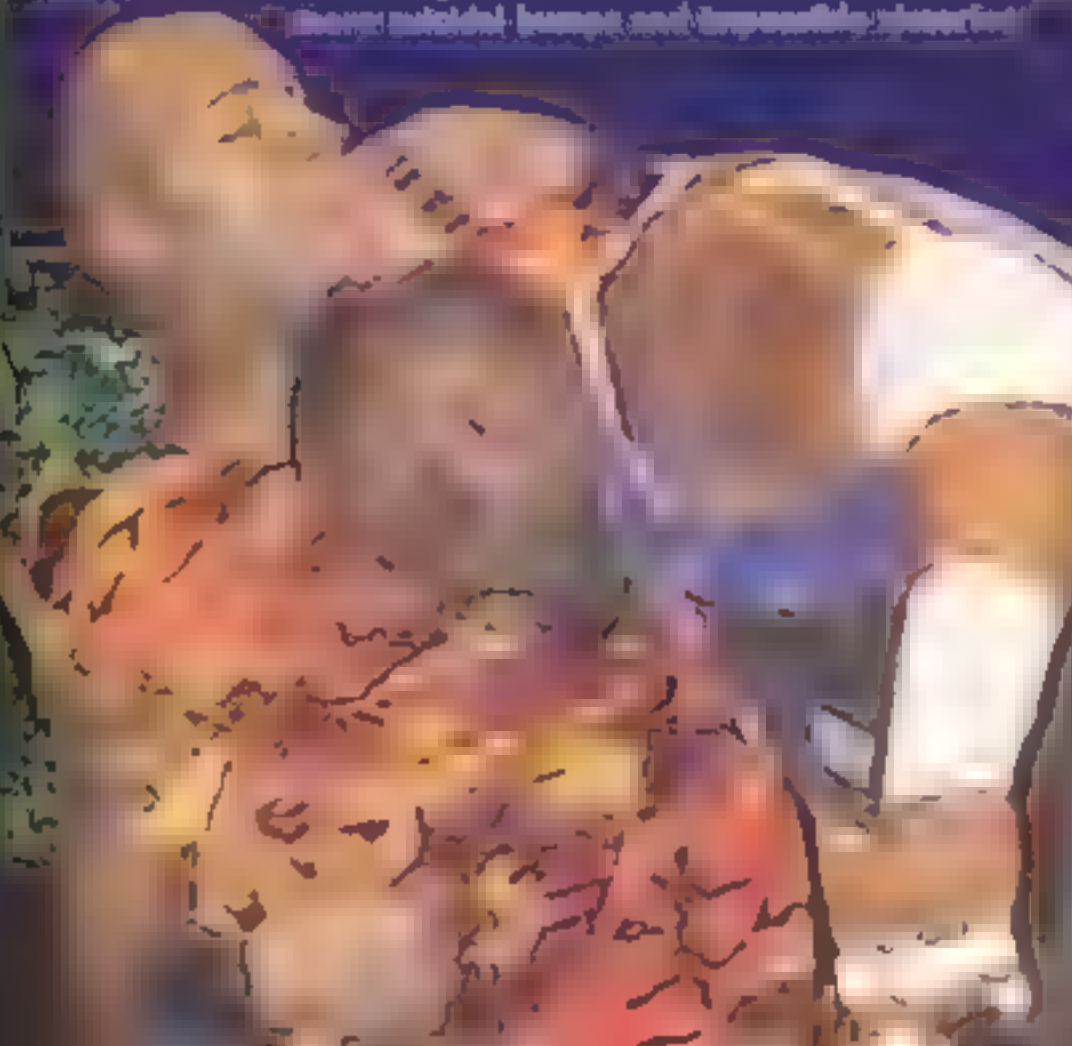
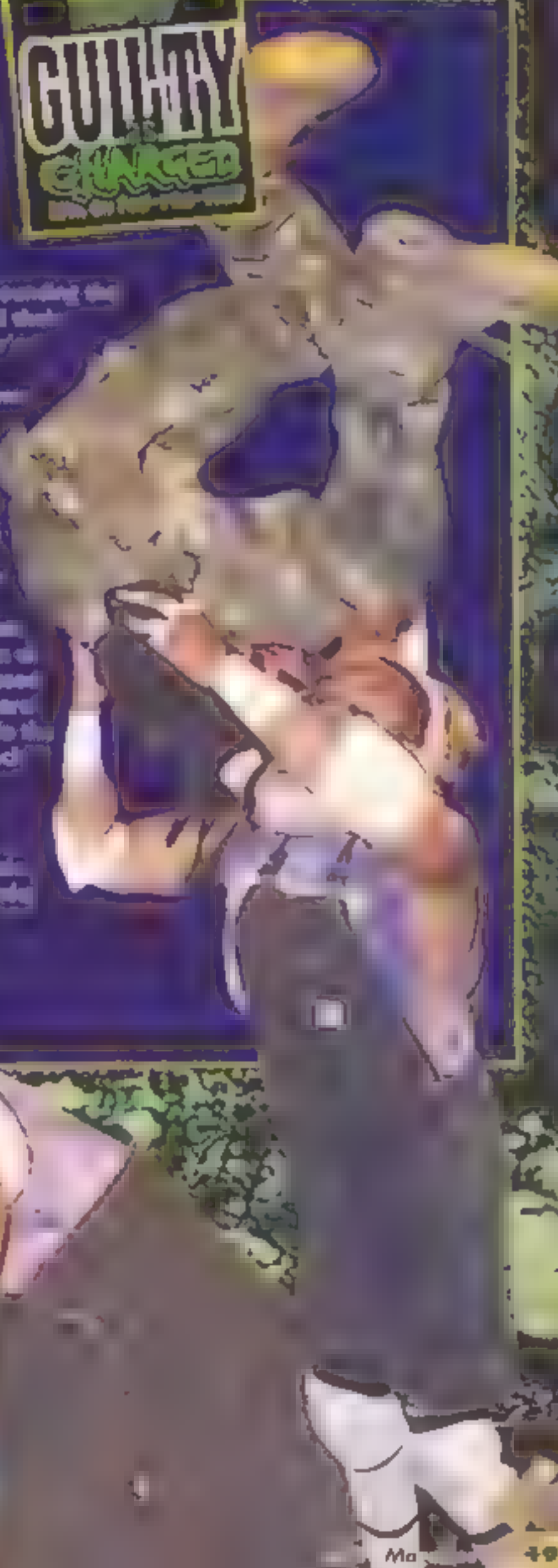


Extreme Street Fight: The Dudley Boyz vs. New Jack and Spike Dudley



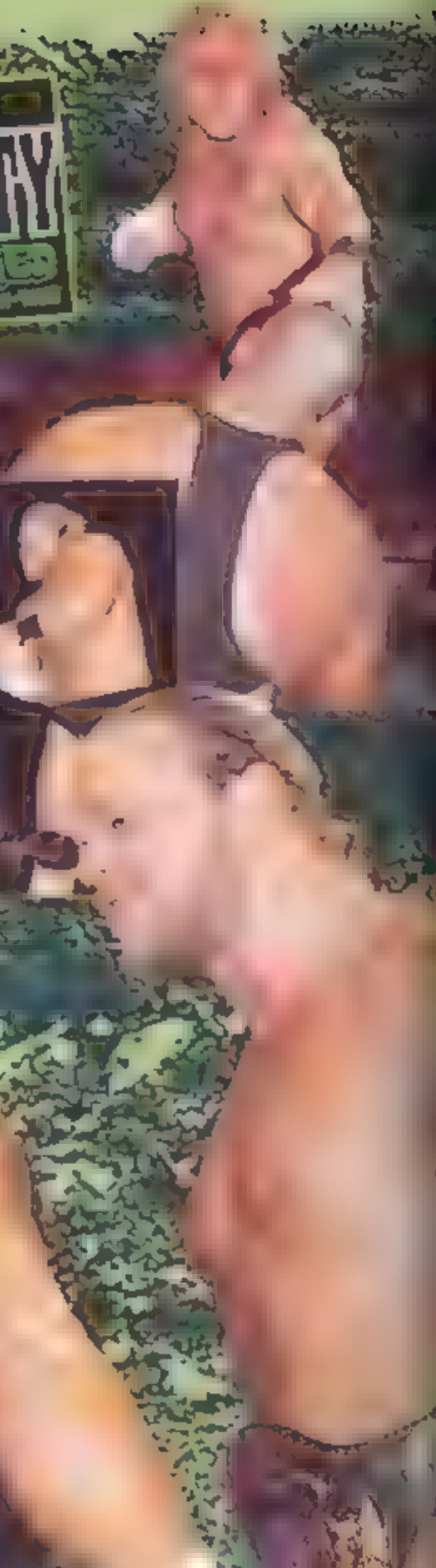
The Action: Following Eddie Guerrero's death, the event surrounding the opening main event the Dudley Boyz made their way to ringside in all their glory. Apparently as all some airlines missed due to injury, Jeff Jarrett's introduction of the Dudleys was particularly long and extra lengthy. Jeff Jarrett picked up the microphone, following a trademark Jarrett introduction. After a somewhat long-winded spiel, he declared that the Dudleys had done everything there is to do in ECW, except one thing: defeat Public Enemy. Naturally, this was as soap P.E.'s nature. In ECW. Obviously, the Public Enemy were not prepared for the anti-ECW style and ended up, siding with the under and more showcasing WWE. Following the speech, the Dudleys challenged anyone in the building to come out. Gangsta music played as New Jack hit the ring with an in hand. Following him was Spike Dudley. The advertised match began as the typical main event. A few just made. Flips of weapons, masks blood loss, and just two more men of the same for moment. Joey Styles on color highlight saw Spike getting tossed into the crowd much like he did at the hands of Bam Bam Bigelow. There were couple of nice power shots on Big Diddy. The only real mistake in the match was when the Dudleys tried the Dudley Death Drop on New Jack on the ramp, but missed the spot.

The Finish: Spike falls victim to the DQ at the 1:00 mark. The referee sees the blow. Killer is finally slain, but he'll be back another day to take down another. Means include bumps and bruises in the process.



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BUMPS

by Danny Lippin

At the corner of Sweden and River Street in South Norwalk, the last hot spot of American wrestling is a warehouse of cardboard and cardboard.

In just three steps, you can come in, buy a few shirts, a few hats, a few cheap neckties and a few cheap belts, and you can be a professional wrestler. The shirts are blue and red, the hats are blue and red, the neckties are blue and red, the belts are blue and red. The shirts are blue and red, the hats are blue and red, the neckties are blue and red, the belts are blue and red.

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It's no secret to the average

the Arena and World Championship

Wrestling, how so many wrestlers, however, and continue to attempt to copy and replicate on ECW's ring of war with sweat and blood and chain saw attacks. And there's more with talent. Talent has been raised, but not the company has experienced. Talent is not coming down from their corporate world, from their assembly line, enough to give a little back then to reach the ring with home fans. There are no longer, more

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HARD CORE TO THE BONE(S)



The first time I saw Trish Stratus in the ring, I was blown away. She was the franchise of ECW. She was the leader of the revolution. For six years, I have wrestled for ECW and I have not experienced the expected effects of over 2,000 days in the "trenches." The rings of...

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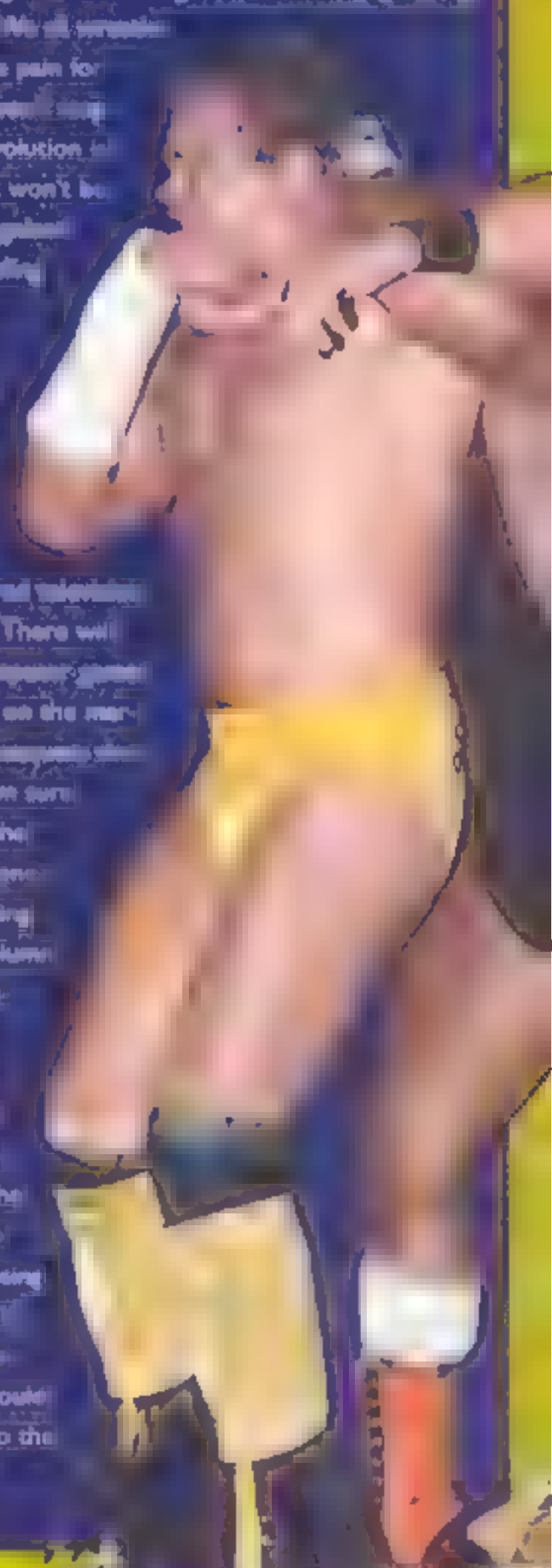
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RUMORS

TAZ CHALLENGES WCW AND WWF CHAMPIONS

Extreme Championship Wrestling World Champion Taz, who defeated "The Franchise" Shane Douglas at "November to Remember," has made an extreme challenge to the WWF and WCW. Coming off two victories over the man Joey Styles calls the greatest ECW champion of all time, Taz has publicly dared the WWF and WCW world champions ("The Rock" and Hollywood Hogan at press time) to get in the ring with him. Though physically smaller than both the others, he is no doubt that Taz's

youth, power and attitude will come in to play, and that his awesome array of suplexes and ample fire power to put away both champions in a heartbeat in a one-on-one scenario. Stay tuned for more details!



SID ENTERS ECW

Former WWF Heavyweight champion Sid has hit ECW! Rumors had the 315-pound Sid (Sidney Eudy) going to any one of the big feds (WWF/WCW/ECW) in 1998, but the time for the two-time former WWF World Heavyweight champion to make his return to a major promotion didn't come until ECW's Living

Dangerously PPV in January 1999. He was last spotted in the Memphis-based "Power Pro Wrestling," where he dominated competition for several months at the end of 1998.

Sid, 39, is without a doubt one of the most charismatic and popular wrestlers in wrestling history. In ECW, he hears nothing



but rabid support for his own brand of extreme violence! Feeding off the support of blood-thirsty fans and armed with his infamous Powerbomb Chokeslam and a new "Extreme" Chokeslam through a table, Sid has destroyed all competition since entering the company. At the PPV, it took him only 90 seconds to put away former tag team champion John Kronus. On Feb. 5, the world witnessed "Psycho" Sid mercilessly demolish Amish Road Kill and Chris Chetti singlehandedly.

With the recent losses of such stars as Mikey Whipwreck, Sandman and Bam Bam Bigelow, ECW may have lost some talent, but with the addition of new talents Tajiri and Super Crazy, along with perhaps ECW's biggest acquisition yet in Sid, the future looks bright for fans of extreme!

TOMMY DREAMER SWEARS REVENGE ON LANCE STORM

Dawn Marie is at it again. This time from "Tara Lynn Bytch" to "Bitch McGonigly." Bitch has long since left ECW and Tommy Dreamer's side, since the Dudley Boyz ran her out of town with a neck injury. That hasn't stopped Dawn Marie, a self-proclaimed "Bitch," from stealing her identity and in the process, pushing off Tommy. Now the Innovator of Violence has sworn revenge on Lance Storm, who naturally sees nothing wrong with his manager's antics. This one is going to get hot—hope the two to go one or lose in May 1999!



DOUGLAS ALMOST RETIRES!

"DieHard" Derek Gordon reporting from Elks Lodge, Friday, February 12, 1999

On this Friday night at the ECW house show at the Elks Lodge in New York City, Shane Douglas walked into the ring in street clothes and holding his wrestling boots in his hands. He and a many-eyed Francine thanked the fans for the career and "revolution" they helped create over the last years. During his speech, he continued to show his appreciation and was about to pass the torch to the man he believed should be the new "franchise" of ECW.

Before the announcement, however, he was interrupted by Justin Credible, who quickly proclaimed himself the only ECW hardcore icon and true "franchise" of the company. His proclamation didn't last long, as Justin was interrupted by Lance Storm. Lance used his mic time to persuade the crowd that he was the greatest wrestler that ECW had ever seen, and that he would proceed as the "franchise" of the organization.

He urged Douglas to endorse the two men and challenge their parade by telling them the only person he had in mind was Tommy Dreamer. Credible and Storm began to brutally attack both Douglas and Francine, until the Innovator Of Violence hit the scene to make the save.

Also on Feb. 12, Original Gangster member Mankind made his return to ECW. After what was thought to be a celebrated welcome back, Mankind brutally attacked his former partner, New Jack, as he joined the Dudley Family and proclaimed himself their newest benefactor. After the short-lived reunion of the Gangster, the Dudley Boys made a shocking announcement during their "preaching time."

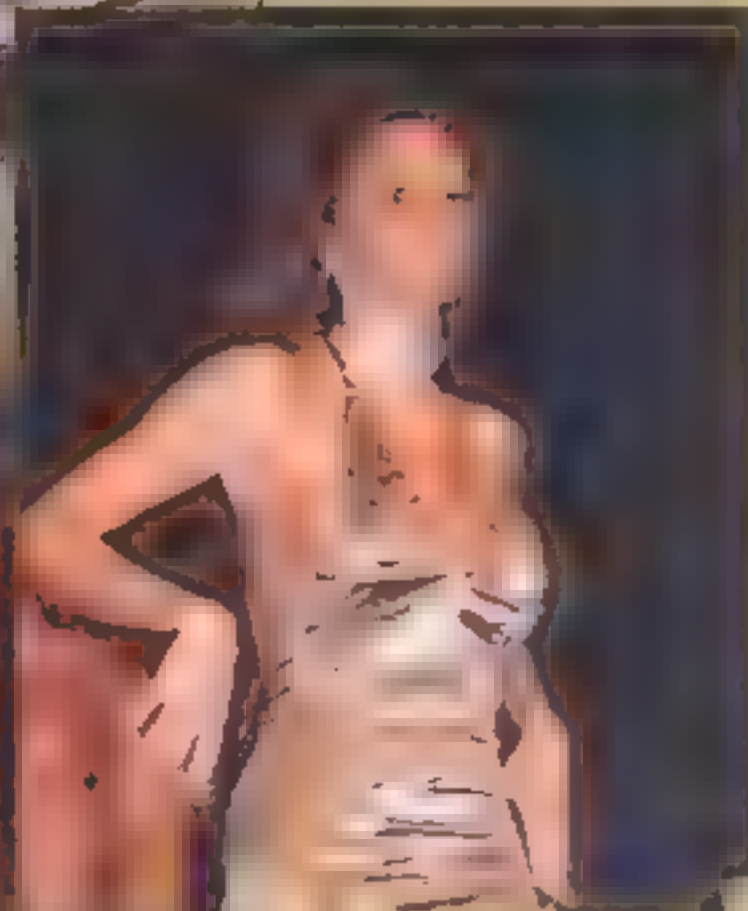
Apparently, a match was originally scheduled to pit the Dudleys against The Public Enemy. But at the Elks Lodge, Bub Bush Ray was quick to tell the fans that the Public Enemy had called ECW owner Paul Heyman on the telephone and complained on the record about how stiff, brutal and violent the Dudley Boys are in the ring. Bub Bush Ray then informed the crowd that the Public Enemy refused to go against the Dudley Boys unless Heyman promised them the Dudleys would take it easy on them. Not wanting to pressure the interviewees for ECW, Heyman signed the rights to the Public Enemy name, likeness and contracts over to Vince McMahon and the WWE, saying it would be easier for them to collect \$500,000 by selling around the WWE than having to cut it out in the hardcore world of Extreme Championship Wrestling.



FRANCINE IS ECW FOR LIFE!

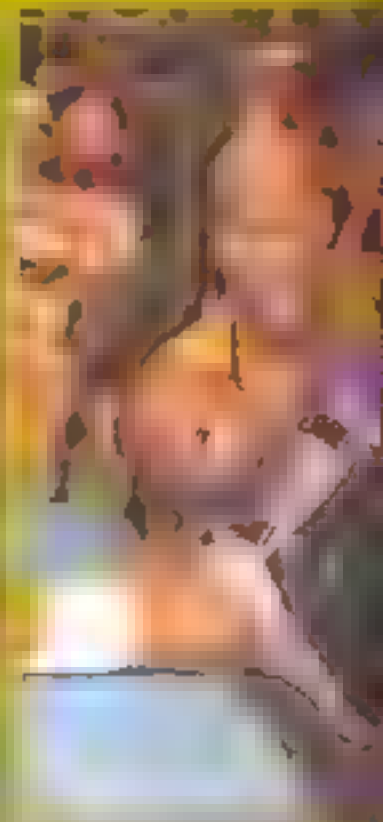
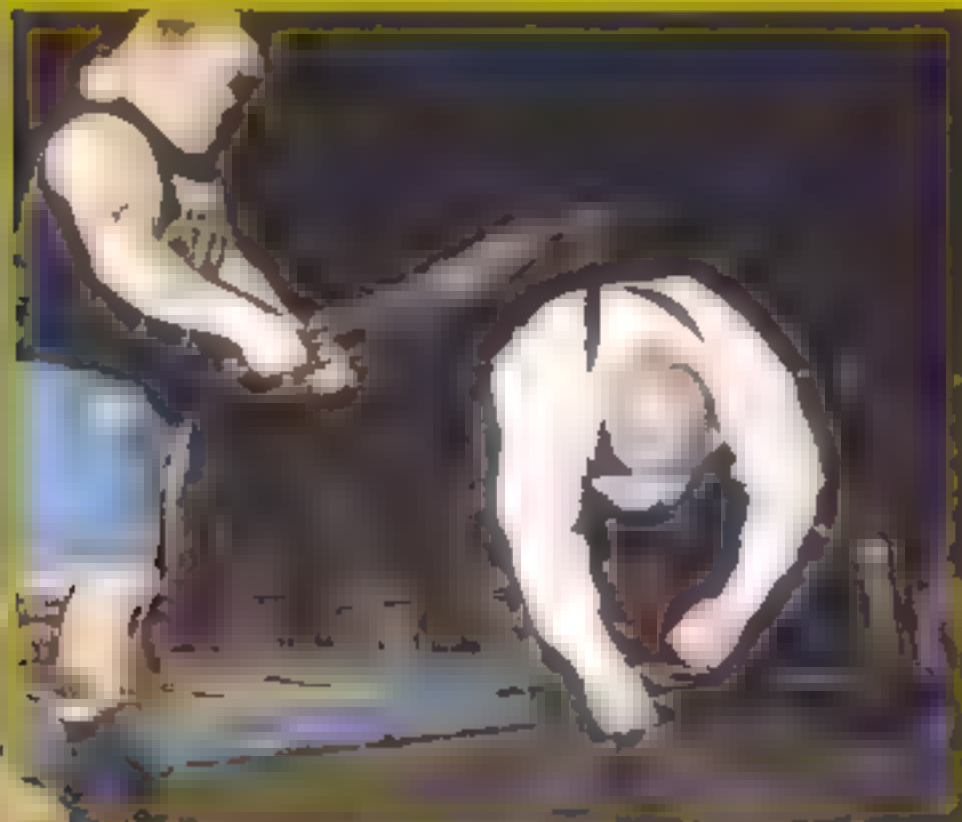
There have been questions lately as to whether Francine particularly with the rumored retirement of Shane Douglas, is destined to go down the same path - but she has no intention of leaving the company, said the lady herself to us recently.

"I've been with ECW 5 years now and have no plan of going anywhere even if Shane Douglas were to leave," said an earnest Francine. "Paul Heyman has been too good to me and since he gave me my first break, my loyalty is with him and ECW."












ECW Calendar of Events

Thursday	April	AG Hall	Allentown, Penn.
Friday	April 2	Edison Convention and Expo Center	Elizabeth, N.J.
Saturday	April 3	ECW Arena	Philadelphia
Friday	April 9	Paradise	Worcester, Mass.
Saturday	April 10	Location TBA	Boston
Sunday	April 11	Memorial Hall	Plymouth, Mass.
Thursday	April 15	David Lawrence Center	Pittsburgh
Friday	April 16	TBA	TBA
Saturday	April 17	Flickenger Athletic Center	Buffalo, N.Y.
Friday	April 23	St. Mary's High School	South Amboy, N.J.
Saturday	April 24	Queens Elks Lodge	Queens, N.Y.
Thursday	April 29	Manatee Civic Center	Sarasota, Fla.
Friday	April 30	War Memorial	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Saturday	May	Corona Expo Sports Center	Corona, B.C., Ont.
Sunday	May 2	Millennium Theatre	Kissimmee, Fla.
Friday	May 7	York Expo Center	York, Penn.
Saturday	May 8	ECW Arena	Philadelphia
Sunday	May 16	PPV - Location TBA	TBA
Thursday	May 20	Lansing Center	Lansing, Mich.
Friday	May 21	Grand Rapids Center	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Saturday	May 22	Casino	Detroit
Friday	May 28	TBA	TBA
Saturday	May 29	TBA	TBA
Sunday	May 30	TBA	TBA



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Atlantic City Wildwood, NJ	WWAC-TV 53	Saturday		9:00 PM Eastern
Baton Rouge, LA	WGMB-TV / Fox 44	Friday		12:30 AM Central
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Boston, MA	WUNI-TV 27	Saturday		12:30 AM Eastern
Burlington, Plattsburgh	WBVT-TV 39	Saturday		1:00 AM Eastern
Carbondale, IL	SPC-TV	Friday		10:00 PM Central
Carbondale, IL	SPC-TV	Tuesday		7:00 PM Central
Chicago, IL	WJYS-TV 62	Friday		11:00 PM Central
Cincinnati, OH	W25-A1	Monday		10:00 PM Eastern
Columbus, GA	UA16	Saturday		7:00 PM Eastern
Columbus, GA	UA16	Wednesday (replay)		10:00 PM Eastern
Columbus, OH	WLWG 62	Thursday		9:00 PM Eastern
Dayton, OH	WUCT-TV 51	Saturday		7:00 PM Eastern
Dayton, OH	WUCT-TV 51	[Replay Sunday]		12:00 PM Eastern
Denver, ME	WADL-TV 38	Thursday		1:00 PM Central
Florida	Sunshine Network	Friday		2:00 AM Eastern
Fresno, CA	KGHC-TV 43	Friday		11:00 PM Pacific
Hampton, VA	WPEN-TV	Saturday		7:00 PM Eastern
Indianapolis, IN	WAY-TV 53	Sunday		5:00 PM Eastern
Indianapolis, IN	WAY-TV 53	Tuesday		10:00 PM Eastern
Las Vegas, NV	KCNV-TV/UPN 25	Saturday		1:00 PM Pacific
Long Island, NY	WVYH-TV 10	Saturday		10:00 PM Eastern
Louisville, KY	WBNA-TV 21	Friday		1:00 AM Eastern
Memphis, TN	WBII-TV 20	Saturday		10:30 PM Central
Montgomery, Selma	WAXC-TV 64	Monday		10:30 PM Central
Murray, KY	WQTV-TV 46	Saturday		11:00 PM Eastern
New Jersey	CTN	Saturday		4:00 PM Eastern
New Orleans, LA	WUPL-TV / UPN 51	Friday		1:00 AM Central
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New York (Upstate)	Empire Sports Network	[Replay Sunday]		2:00 AM Eastern
New York City	Madison Square Garden	Saturday		1:00 AM Eastern
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T&Z

6'10"

248 lbs.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Nickname:

The Human Suplex
Machine

Titles: ECW World

Heavyweight

Championship;

ECW World TV

Championship; ECW

World Tag Team Title

with Sabu; FTW

World Title

THE ONE NAME says it all. The "Human Suplex Machine" is by far, one of the most feared men in ECW, if not in the entire sport. Taz doesn't know the meaning of the word "quit". More often than not, his opponents "tap out" when Taz clamps them in his painful finishing move, the Katl Hazma. At present, Taz is stuck in the middle of a life-and-death struggle with his long-time rival Sabu as well as former ECW Heavyweight Champion Shane Douglas, from whom Taz won the World belt.



Sid

6'8"

318 lbs

West Memphis, Ark.

Nicknames:

"Psycho" Sid

AKA:

Sid Vicious, Sid

Justice

Titles Held:

WWF Heavyweight

Title

Sid is as big and as mean as they come. In his career he's been badly booed and cheered. But whether you like him or not, no one can deny that Sid possesses that raw, animal magnetism that can drive the fans wild. However big as he is, Sid has yet to find a way to harness his tremendous power. If someone, anyone, can somehow get such a man, he would be invincible, but so far Sid remains a enigma. But it is this mystique that makes Sid perfect for the wild and crazy world of ECW.

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Shane Douglas

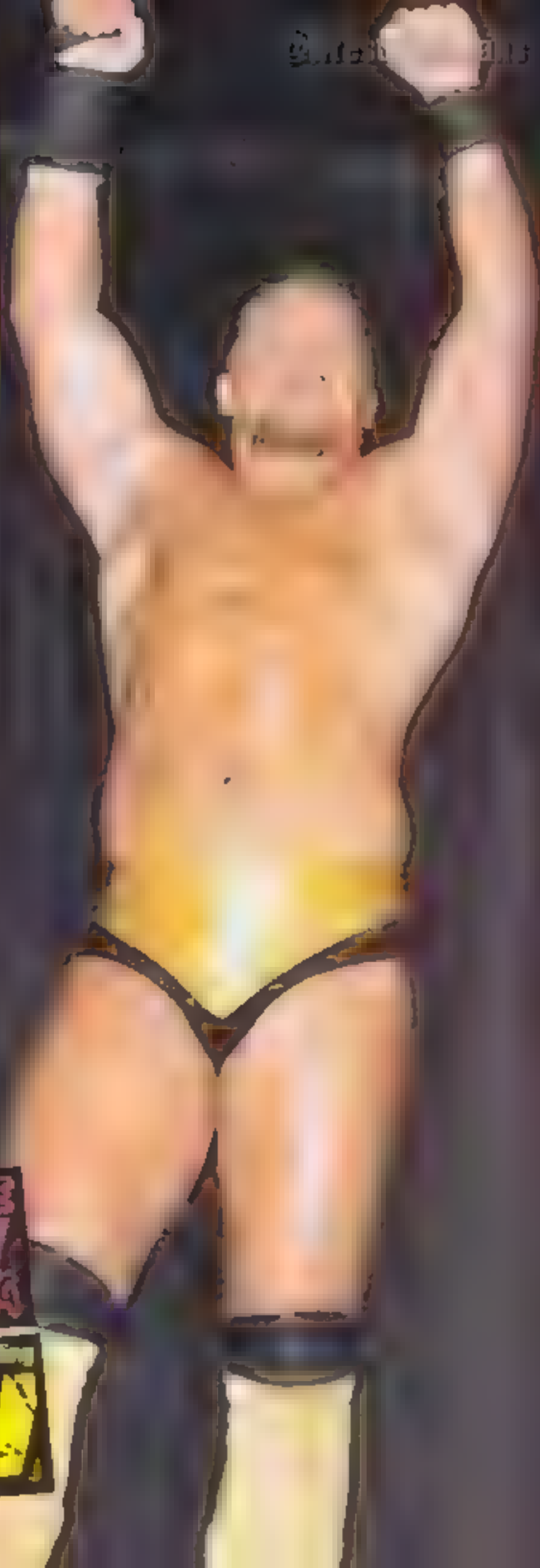
255 lbs.
Pittsburgh, Penn.
Nickname:
The Franchise
Titles Held: ECW
World Heavyweight
Title; ECW World TV
Title; WWF
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Championship; WCW
World Tag Team title
with Ricky
Scamboat, NWA
World Heavyweight
Title, UWF TV Title

"The Franchise" is a
three-time ECW
World Heavyweight
champion. But ever
since he injured his
elbow at the hands
of Taz, Douglas has
spent more time
behind the micro-
phone than he does
in the ring. He has
even hinted that he
is ready to retire from
the sport. However,
in the middle of his
seasonal retirement
speech at the Ek's
Lodge in Queens,
N.Y.C., which was
broadcast on the
ECW program
worldwide, Douglas
was savagely attacked
by Jack Credible
and Lance Storm.
Their attack not only
left Douglas lying in
the middle of the
ring, but also injured
Douglas' head cheer-
leader, Franchise.
From this savage
beating, one has to
feel that Douglas has
at least one more
good fight left in him.



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Sabu

230 lbs.
Bloomington, Indiana

Nicknames:

The Lord of the Hardcore

Title Held:

ECW World

Championship; ECW

World Tag Team

Championship (twice)

with Ric and Rob Van

Dam; ECW World TV

Title; FTW World

Championship

"Suicidal, homicidal, genocidal" are just a few of the adjectives that have been used to describe the wildest man in the sport today, Sabu. While many may consider

Maniac/Cactus Jack as the "king" of hardcore

wrestling, the real "king" of this genre has to be Sabu. Others may

take credit, but Sabu was the first to incor-

porate the use of

weapons into his bouts.

His incredible series of

fight with hardcore

legend Terry Funk in

1993 established Sabu

as the wildest wrestler

of this decade.

Sabu learned the

basics of the sport

from his legendary

mentor, the original

Shock. In the 1960s and

1970s, there was

everybody wilder or

wilder, both inside and

outside the ring, than

the Shock. With the

Shock as his mentor

and guide, it is only

natural that Sabu's style

involved in much the

same way.

There are

many similar

trials between

his style and

that of the

Shock, but Sabu

has developed

his own

personal

style.

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Rob Van Dam

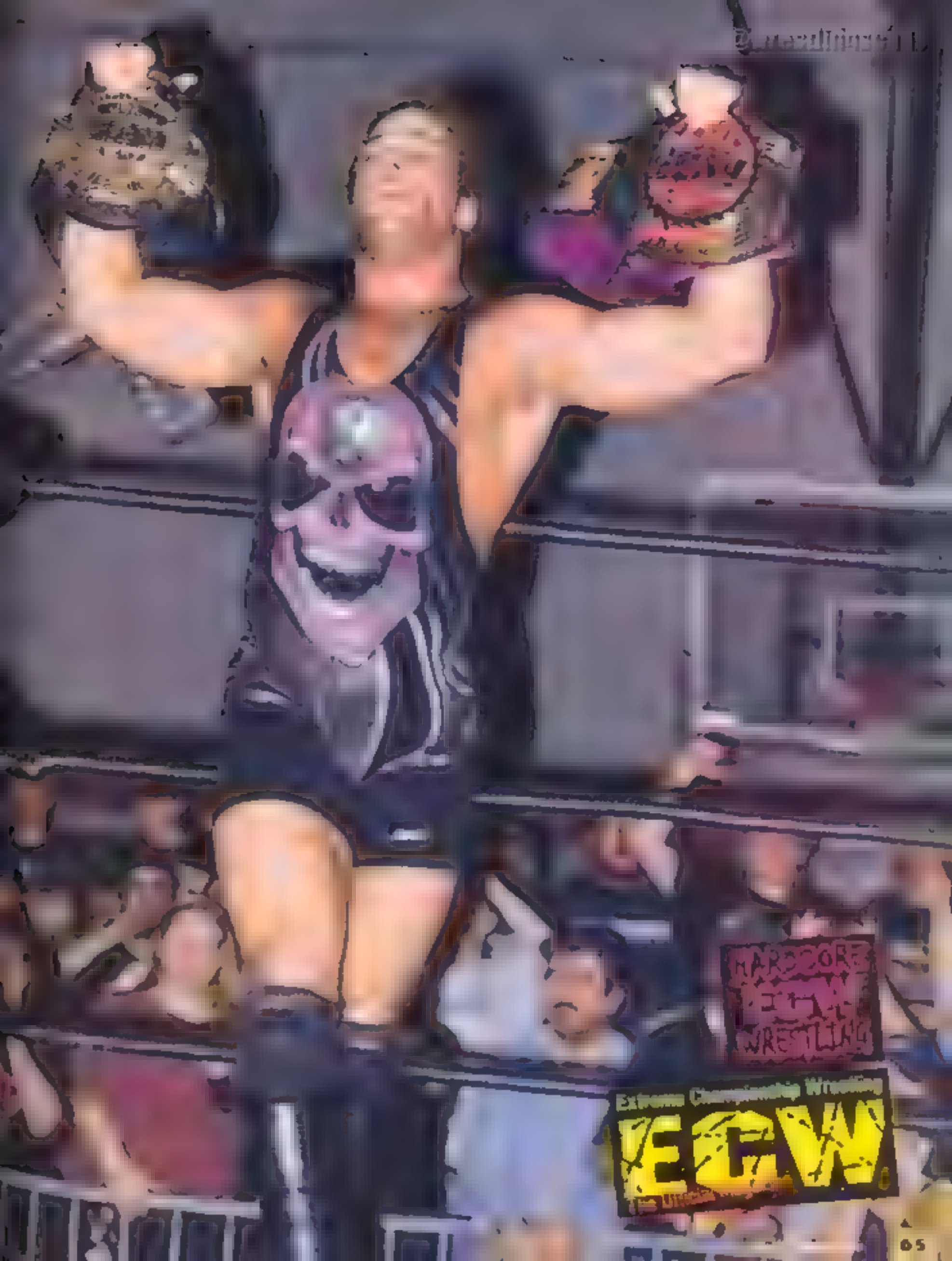
Age: 37
 Hometown: Battle Creek, Michigan
 Nickname: Mr. Monday Night
 Titles Held: ECW World Championship; ECW World Tag Team Championship with Sabu

ECW fans often refer to Rob Van Dam as the "Whole F'n Show," and for good reason. While Sabu and others try to maintain their opponents, Van Dam will not only maintain, but also wrestle circles around his competition. He is adept at both pure wrestling as well as high-flying, death-defying maneuvers. And he can also brawl with the best of them. While Sabu may take more risks both inside the ring and out, Van Dam is more calculated. He will think first, plan his next move, and then act on it very quickly. This could be the main reason why Van Dam has not suffered nearly as many ring injuries in his career as Sabu.



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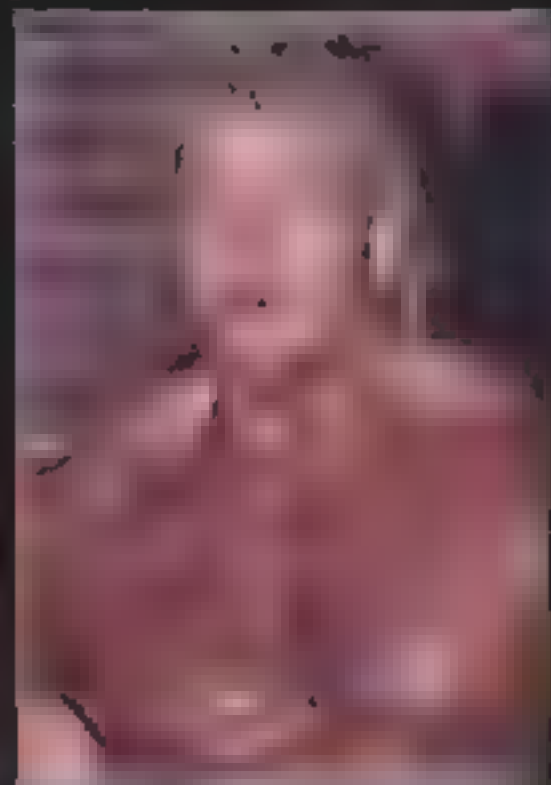
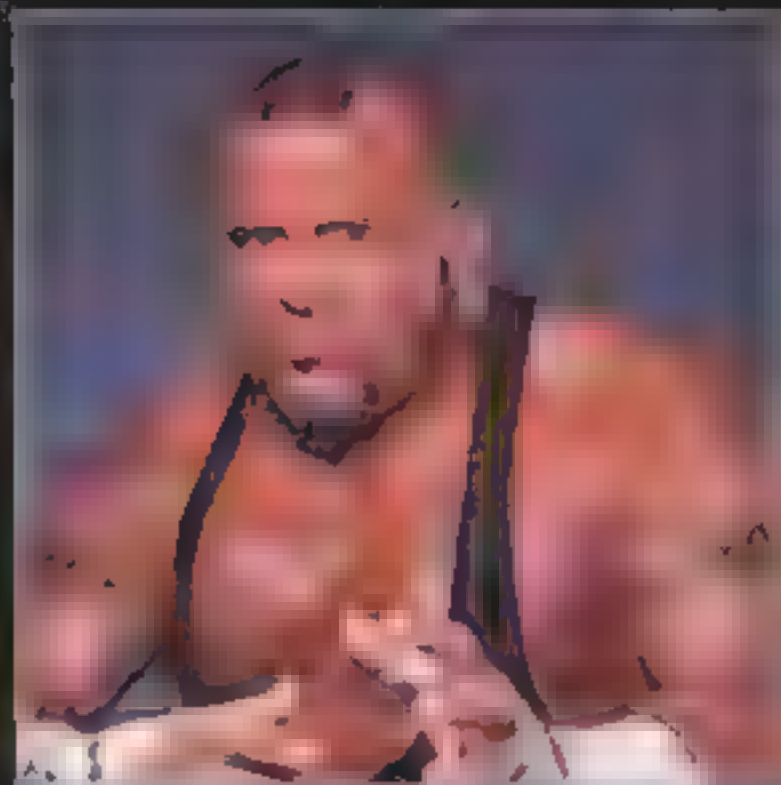
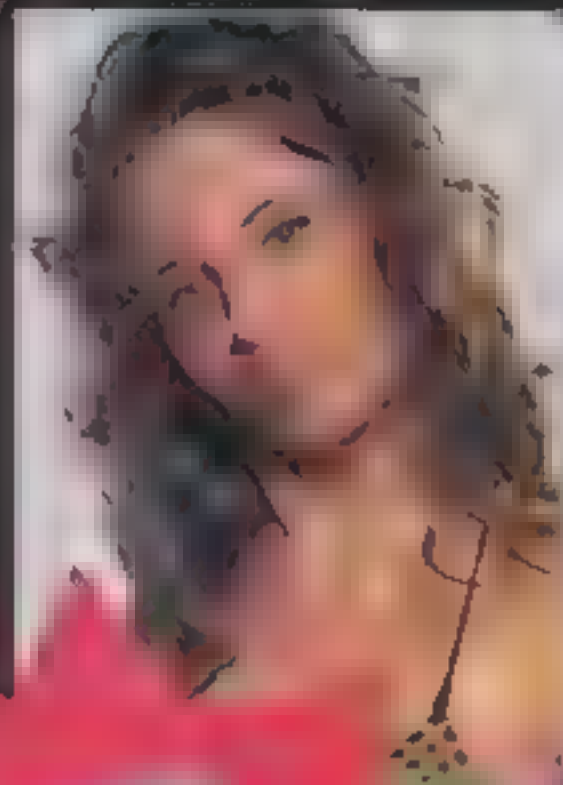
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Tommy Dreamer

6'3"

265 lbs.

Yonkers, N.Y.

Nicknames:

The Innovator of

Violence

ECW Titles Held:

ECW Eastern Tag Team

Title

Tommy Dreamer is an ECW original. He has been with the company since Paul Heyman's first TV taping on October 1, 1993. In November of 1993, Dreamer won his only ECW title when he and Johnny Gunn defeated Terry Satorn and Johnny Hot Body to capture the Eastern Tag Team Title. Yes, that's right. It's been six years between titles for Dreamer, but he still goes out there day after day, week after week and defends the honor of ECW against all comers. For Tommy Dreamer, this doesn't mean everything. He doesn't need a belt around his waist and over his shoulder to prove that he is hardcore. Just watching him in action shows that Tommy Dreamer is as hardcore as they come.

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Chris Candido

5'8"
226 lbs.
Caracas, N.J.

Titles Held: ECW World Tag Team Title With Lance Storm; WWF Tag Team Title (as Zip) with Tom Prichard (as Zip), managed by Sunny; NWA World Heavyweight Title

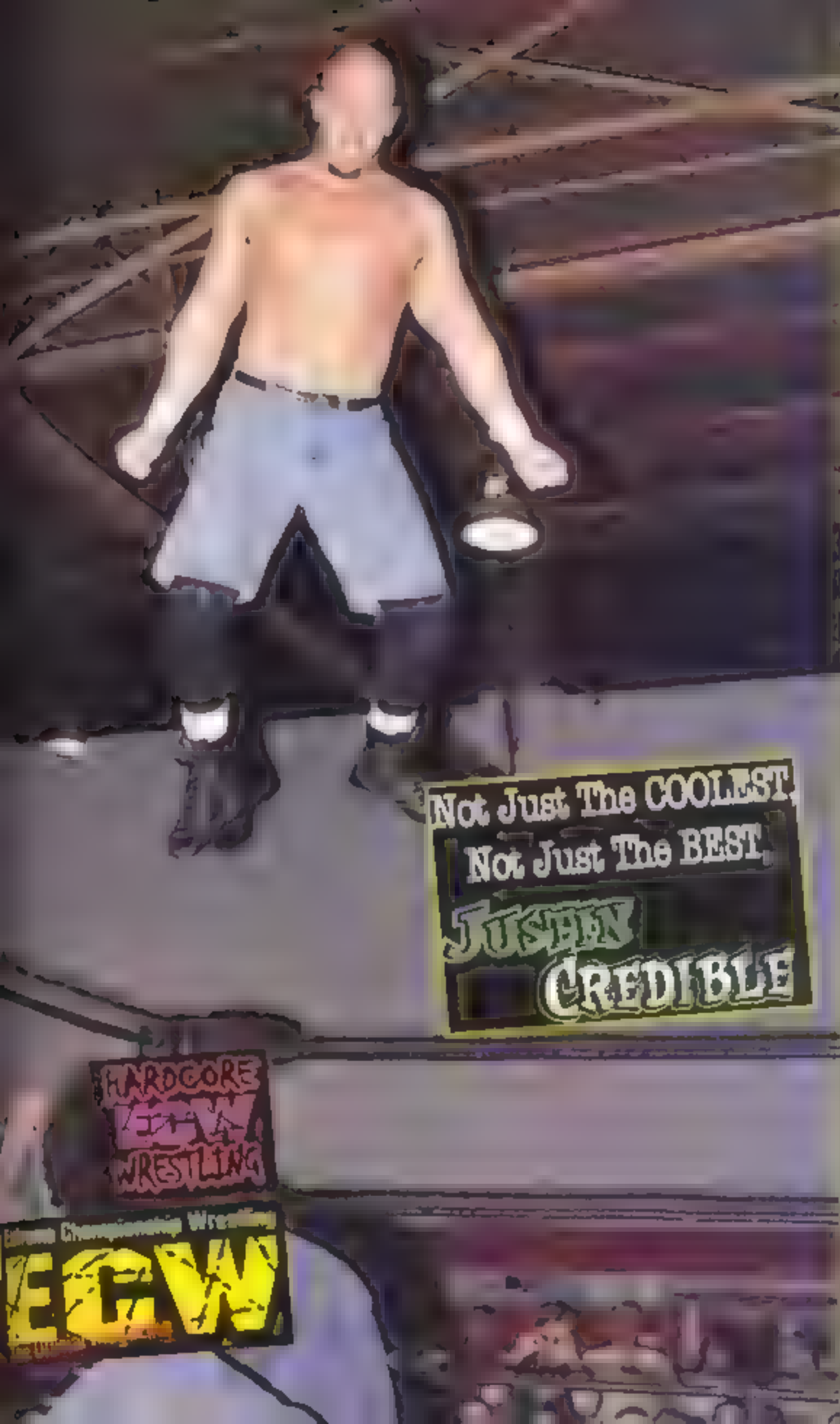
A former member of the "Triple Threat" with Shane Douglas and Bam Bam Bigelow, Candido is now at odds with his former friend Shane Douglas. For most of 1998, Candido and Lance Storm held the ECW tag team title, but they never really got along during their time together. When Candido brought Tammy Sytch around, she upset the chemistry that Candido and Storm had built up as a team. To counteract Tammy's constant interference, Storm recruited his own valet, Tammy Lynn Sytch, the former Dawn Marie. This began a war between the two ladies that has yet to be resolved. Candido and Storm, meanwhile, lost the tag team title to Sabu and Van Dam in a wild bout in Philadelphia.

At the present time, Candido is taking some time away from ECW to regroup and contemplate his next move.



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JUSTIN CREDIBLE

Justin Credible

5'10"
225 lbs.
Waterbury, Conn.
AKA: PJ Walker; Aldo Montoya
Finishing Move: Just Incredible Pin!
(Driver)

Last year was a very good one for Justin Credible. Finally the man who was once known as Aldo Montoya lived up to the hype that was predicted for him. Upon arriving in ECW, Justin became a hardcore, and along the way acquired a posse that included Jason, Nicole Bass and more. Recently jazzminded, equipped with his new attitude and triceps, he's made sick. Justin quickly positioned himself near the top of the ECW empire in 1998. At present, Justin is in the middle of a war with Tommy Dreamer and Lance Storm and they have had an incredible series of three-way matches in the process.

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New Jack

295 lbs.
Atlantic City

Titles Held:

ECW World Tag Team
Title with Mustafa and
Benson

Out of all of the
characters inside the
ECW locker room,
New Jack is by far the
craziest. Not known
for his scientific tactics,
New Jack survives on
his wild antics. A sad
fact New Jack spends
most of his time in
garbage pail filled with
utensils so use on his
foes, unsuspecting
opponents. New Jack
has been known to
jump from balconies or
leap from a stage if
that's what it takes to
get at the opposition.

New Jack originally
arrived in ECW with
his long time partner
Mustafa but after win-
ning the tag team title
on two separate occa-
sions, "The Gangster"
and they were often
only known as the
separate ways. New
Jack however, contin-
ued to wreak in ECW
each week night
every night.

New Jack was
finally getting
revenge on his former
partner Mustafa who
made a surprise return
to ECW to the debut
of the Shogun of
February 1999, and
tramply turned on his
former partner.



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Kronus

250 lbs
Boston, Mass.

Titles Held

ECW World Tag Team
Title with Perry Saturn
and New Jack

Big, tough, rugged John
Kronus has certainly
made out of place ever
since his partner, Perry
Saturn, left for WCW.
Kronus is still a very
capable wrestler but
he has yet to establish
himself as a singles
competitor. In the ring,
the 6'4" Kronus can

be a very effective
brawler. He's got the
strength and power
to take on anyone
in the heavyweight
division. Although Kronus has
the skills, he needs to
have someone to give him
advice on and guid-
ance. If he ever
expects to make it to
the upper echelons

Axl Rotten

6'2"
285 lbs.
London, England
Known For:
Barbed Wire Bat

Axl Rotten, who originally hails from London, England, learned to fight on the mean streets of Philadelphia. When he first arrived in ECW, he teamed with his brother, Tai. The Brothers Rotten, however, never really made a name for themselves in ECW until their violent break up. To settle the matter, the two brothers fought in a barbed wire baseball bat match. This match was as bloody as any ever staged in ECW rings and when it was finally over, it firmly established Axl as a hardcore wrestler. In recent months, Axl has been teaming with another crazy man, Balls Mahoney. In Balls, Axl seems to have found the perfect partner to continue his all-out assault on the wrestling scene.



Balls & Axl
MAHONEY ROTTEN

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Balls Mahoney

6'2"
365 lbs
Cartersville, N.J.

Title Held:

ECW World Tag Team
(Title with Masahiro Tanaka)

Balls Mahoney is a true brawler whose favorite move is hitting his opponent over the head with his monogrammed chair. If he were schooled in wrestling moves, you would never know his name because Balls rarely, if ever, applies a conventional hold or employment wrestling move. His modus operandi is to batter his opponent into submission with anything and everything that he can get his hands on. In the past several months, Balls has found an ally in Ash Rotten, another wild man who delights in causing pain. Together these two brats are planning on winning the ECW tag team title currently held by Sabu and Van Dam.

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Balls & Ash
MAHONEY ROTTEN

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D-Von Dudley

6'3"

260 lbs.

Dudleyville

Favorite Move:

Triple D: Dudley

Death Drop

Titles Held:

ECW World Tag Team

Title with Bubba Ray

D-Von Dudley, from the south side of Dudleyville, is the Dudley with the best wrestling skills. While the other Dudleys have so outdrawn their opponents to come up with a victory, D-Von could surprise his opponents, if he wanted to. However, like his brothers, he's a brawler. D-Von would rather brawl his way to the top, than wrestle his way there.

After leaving Dudleyville, D-Von trained and learned the basics of the sport at Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn, N.Y. Watching him in action, it's obvious that he learned his lessons well.

Currently D-Von, along with his brothers Bubba Ray and Big Dick, are hot on the trail of the ECW tag team title!



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Spike Dudley

Spike Dudleyville

The "runt" of the Dudley clan, Spike was kicked out of the family by his brothers and left to fend for himself. And despite his small stature, Spike has done quite well for himself in ECW.

Contrary to what some believe, Spike has scored quite a few ups and downs over his much larger ECW brethren, due in large part to his Dudley heritage. Being small in stature, Spike relies quite often on his brawling tactics, as well as his never-say-die attitude. It is his for-the-win attitude that has enabled him to survive in the rough and tough world of ECW. Spike's finishing maneuver, the Acid Drop, has led to his victories over such superstars as Bam Bam Bigelow, the One-Man Gang, European Champion Jeff Hardy, Big Daddy Dudley, 911, Kane, and Mankind.

Spike's most recent conquest was over Lance Storm during a challenge match in the Elks Lodge in Queens, N.Y. Taking Storm's challenge, Spike stormed to the ring in a rage and proceeded to knock out the Canadian in less than a minute. And for his victory, Spike even got to pin Storm on the lip of Tammy Lynn Sytch.

Storm's defeat was a valiant effort. Despite WCW's blatant attempt to market Rey Mysterio Jr. as the Glam Killer, it is yet another example of Eric Bischoff's attempt to duplicate ECW stars that don't sell out to his multi-billion dollar corporate wrestling organization.

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Super Nova

5'10"
215 lbs.
Bricktown, N.J.

Super Nova is the only member of the "BWO" or Blue World Order who is still appearing in ECW. He's a very capable wrestler who is adept at all ring styles. To his advantage in ECW, however, is that he has yet to incorporate brawling tactics into his game plan. If Super Nova were to simply wrestle the likes of Super Crazy, Tajiri or others who depend on high-flying tactics and in-ring maneuvers, he would do just fine. But in the wild and wacky world of ECW, where brawling is the norm, not the exception.

Super Nova sometimes finds himself on the short end. Having lived through this, however, Nova now has plans to incorporate a few pages from Balls Mahoney's book into his own style and become more of an ECW competitor.



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Lance Storm

5'10"

228 lbs

Calgary, Alberta,
Canada

Titles Held:

ECW Tag Team Title
with Chris Candido

Like his fellow Canadians Bret Hart and Owen Hart and Chris Benoit, Lance Storm has become another in the long line of great wrestlers that have come out of Calgary. With great wrestling knowledge, Lance Storm has proved to be one of the most adept wrestlers in ECW. Watching him in action, it's plain to see that he can do it all. He can perform most wrestling maneuvers that dazzle the opposition, fly through the air, and brawl with the best of them. For most of 1996, Storm was locked in a bitter rivalry with his tag team partner, Chris Candido. When Candido brought Tanny Sych (AKA Sunny) around, Storm encountered with a "Tanny" of his own, Tanny Lynn Bytche. Soon the two women were also locked in a bitter feud.

Today, however, Candido is nearly out of the picture and Storm has been knocking heads with both Justin Credible and Tommy Dreamer. With his superb wrestling knowledge, however, the Canadian should emerge triumphant in this war.

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Tracey Smothers

6'11"

227 lbs

Atlanta, Ga.

Truce Hubs

ECW Tag Team Title

with Little Guido

Although his roots can't be traced back to Italy, the southern-born and bred Smothers proclaimed himself to be Italian when he joined ECW. As a member of the "FBI" or "Full Blooded Italians," Smothers has been very successful with his "Gomba" Little Guido, in his corner, and the "Godfather," Tommy Rich, patrolling the sidelines. As a team, the FBI has been one of the most successful tag teams in ECW and quite possibly could be tag team champions again in the very near future.

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Tommy Rich

6'4 1/2" tall
Hendersonville, Tenn.
Titles Held
NWA World
Heavyweight
Championship; Georgia
Fed. National
Heavyweight
Champion

Back in the days before he discovered his Italian heritage, Tommy Rich was one of the top wrestlers in the sport. On April 27, 1981, Tommy Rich achieved international fame when he defeated the legendary Harley Race to become the NWA World Heavyweight champion. For the remainder of the 1980s, Rich seemed to be one of the top wrestlers in the profession but suddenly seemed to vanish from sight for a number of reasons. Little more than two years ago, however, Rich suddenly reappeared in ECW. But this time, Rich discarded his southern roots and hooked up with some other men who claimed a new heritage: Tracy Smothers and Little Guido. Being the elder statesman, the others looked up to him for wisdom and guidance and christened him "The Don." With this new designation in Tommy Rich's street-fight legend as "The Don," Rich has been instrumental in making the ECW one of the top promotions in the world.

By Jeffery

Little Guido

5'9"
198 lbs.
Howard Beach, N.Y.
Titles Held:
ECW Tag Team
Champion

Little Guido was a founding member of the "FBI" or "Full Blooded Italians." His first partner in the "FBI" was J.T. Smith, who claimed to be from Sicily, Italy.

Guido and Smith had a falling out. Tracey Smothers and Tommy Rich joined the "FBI," and they have been a top team ever since.

Before joining ECW, Little Guido, who was then known as Damian Stone, wrestled on all of the independent cards throughout the Northeast. From there, he traveled to Japan where he competed in a group that specialized in the Ultimate Fighting style of combat. Returning to the states, Guido joined ECW and he's been wrestling there ever since.

The highlight of Little Guido's career came on Oct. 18, 1997, when the "FBI" defeated Kronus and New Jack to win the tag team title.



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Road Kill

5'11"

268 lbs

Lancaster, Penn.

Another recent graduate of the House of Hardcore, Road Kill has been teaming with Danny Doring in his ECW appearances. Although the fans have gotten to see Road Kill over his Amish attire, this Pennsylvania native is determined to be the first man from his city to make it in the wrestling profession.

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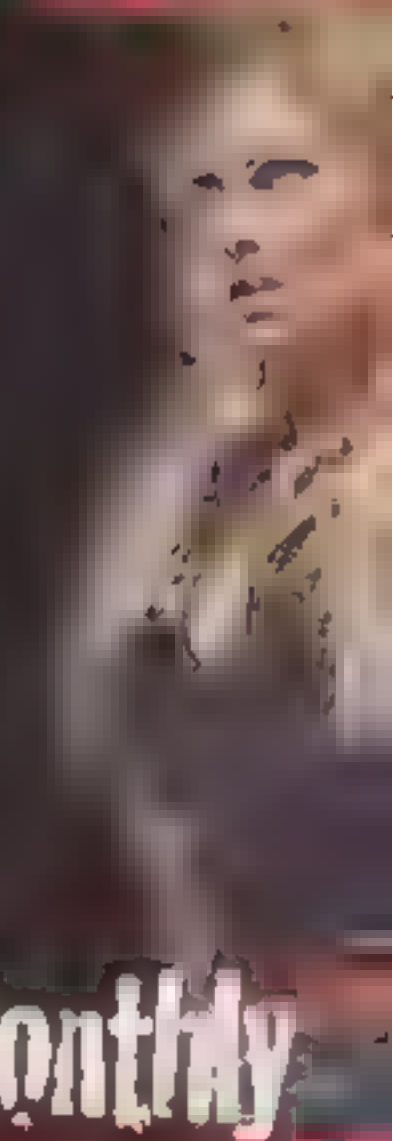
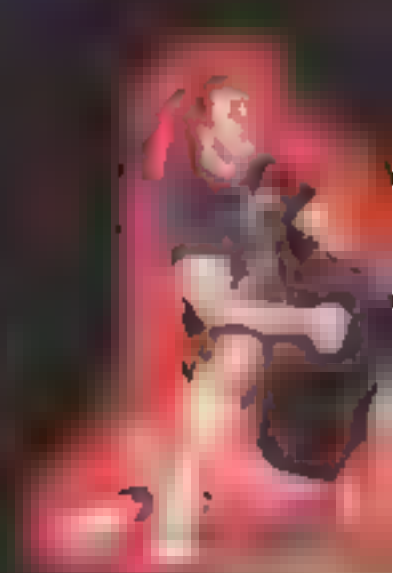
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to the Editor

Hi, my name is Big Vin and I love ECW!! It is the best wrestling promotion in the world and for sure the most hardcore. I have been to the ECW Arena in Philadelphia several times and I must say that each time I go it gets better. I went to Living Dangerously in Asbury Park last year and am going again this year. Paul E. is a genius. He has made the best wrestling in the world. Every wrestler in this promotion rises from Jerry Lynn to Shane Douglas to Rob Van Dam to Taz. There is no bad wrestler. Now with the addition of Sid, ECW kicks butt.

Wow you finally got a magazine. We think it's about DAMN time. I mean you have been around for years and I have been a fan since day one. I think your program is very entertaining and your live shows are the best I have ever seen. Thanks for all the years of blood sweat and tears. I am very happy about the blood.

At 40000 (11/1/93)

Well it is about time the BEST FED gets its own magazine and let me say it is something I have anticipated for a long long time!! ECW continues to prove that it is the best fed by giving us fans what we want to see in the matches you can't see anywhere else. Hardcore action the other feds are afraid to show. Wrestlers who push the boundaries farther than any other and now the magazine that we all have wanted to see! Thank you for listening to the fans and finally look forward to this magazine going monthly. It could happen right. Best of luck with all, keep up the good work!

Finally, a magazine dedicated to the hardest working company in the business! Now that the ECW is starting to spread out with its traveling schedule, when will the greatest show on earth make an appearance in the nation's capital? ECW does have a very large fan base in the Virginia, Maryland and D.C. areas so what gives? We are tired of being subjected to the same old boring routines that the WCW and WWF bring around these parts. Please think about giving us a chance to experience the extreme. Thanks for listening.

Jeff Waller

Winchester, VA

I have been a huge fan for a while now and I want to congratulate you on how much you have accomplished. I guess you're proving the big guys wrong that say you are just bingo hall freaks! I just want to wish you the best of luck and keep E-XTREME.

A true Fan.

Aston, PA

P.S. One day I hope to be in ECW because you guys help me follow a very hard dream.

Dan T...

I think you are cool! You look more real than the other federations and you are cooler from

Finally a wrestling magazine devoted to the greatest wrestling organization in the world ECW. I have been a huge ECW fan for many years and at the rate we're going we will be recognized as the greatest federation today. What organization combines the hardest music past and present with the hardcore violence which keeps the fans coming back every night? Only one ECW. I would like to thank H&S Media for giving ECW the chance to be heard nationwide through this magazine. I know it will be a great success. I'd also like to thank the wrestlers of ECW for giving us fans the best wrestling around every night out. Jerry Styles is one of the best commentators you will ever hear on television and he too is very loyal to the organization. Thank you Jerry. And finally Paul Heyman, nothing would happen without the very creative mind of Paul behind the scenes. Thanks to you Paul.

Sincerely,

West Chester, PA

I have been a loyal ECW fan for quite some time now. I really enjoy seeing the franchise and my 2 favorite ECW superstars, Tammy Lynn Sytch and Chris Cand do action. I hope to see alot of them in the April issue of ECW Magazine and of course the other upcoming ECW magazines. I love ECW because it reminds me of the old times the way I remember wrestling when I was growing up. Even though I'm only 15 have been watching wrestling for 11 years now ECW has icons and role models you can't find anywhere else.

Hardcore ECW

My name is Jose and I live in Norfolk Va. I started watching ECW almost 4 years ago and have been a great fan of you guys every since. Unfortunately they have taken ECW off of our stations here in the Hampton Roads area. It used to come on Saturday at either 5 or 7 p.m. they changed it around constantly. But within the past few months they have taken it off completely. I have to compensate myself by watching the show on your website. I am there watching it every week.

Hardcore 4 Life

Jose Rodriguez (jrodriguez1988@aol.com)

Jose Rodriguez

I have been a loyal fan of ECW for about 7 months. The first time I saw ECW in my home of Streamwood I didn't know that I was stepping into the greatest wrestling program on the face of the earth. I love this show for what it is a wrestling show. It doesn't try and dumb it down by saying "We are a soap opera." (Everyone already knows that) or doing stupid angles nobody likes. These wrestlers put on a show and they do it well. I would just like to say to ECW PLEASE come to Chicago this year. I am begging ya you have a VERY large fan base here. I know it. I can't wait to see you do. I will be at every show with my hands shouting "ECW ECW ECW". Keep up the KICK ASS shows. I keep watching.

Chris Piorce

Chris Piorce (chrispiorce1@aol.com)

Chris Piorce

I just wanted to let you know that I love your federation. I think that is great how you have a staff of young but immensely talented guys that go out every night to put on a show. Unlike the big guys ECW always gives the fans what they want to see. I love watching you on pay-per-views and thank you for not putting one on every month. Instead you have them spaced out so when one does come around we the fans can actually see quality matches and have something to look forward to. I got hooked by a friend a couple of years ago and ever since it has been my mission to get you recognition because ECW definitely deserves it. I am out in Oregon so I haven't been able to get to a live showing but head out this way because the West loves ECW just as much as the East. Keep up the extreme work!

Wally (wally662students.sou.edu)

Ashland, OR

I have been an ECW fan 3 1/2 years now. ECW puts out the best super stars and is the best hardcore wrestling this world has ever seen. You guys rock ass!

Chris
(Luvrboy33@aol.com)

Wash D.C.

Wow, I can't wait for the new ECW magazine! Not all of this other WCW/NWO and stupid WWF crap but the most extreme wrestling federation is coming out with a new magazine! Anyway, keep up the good work!

Tyler Burton

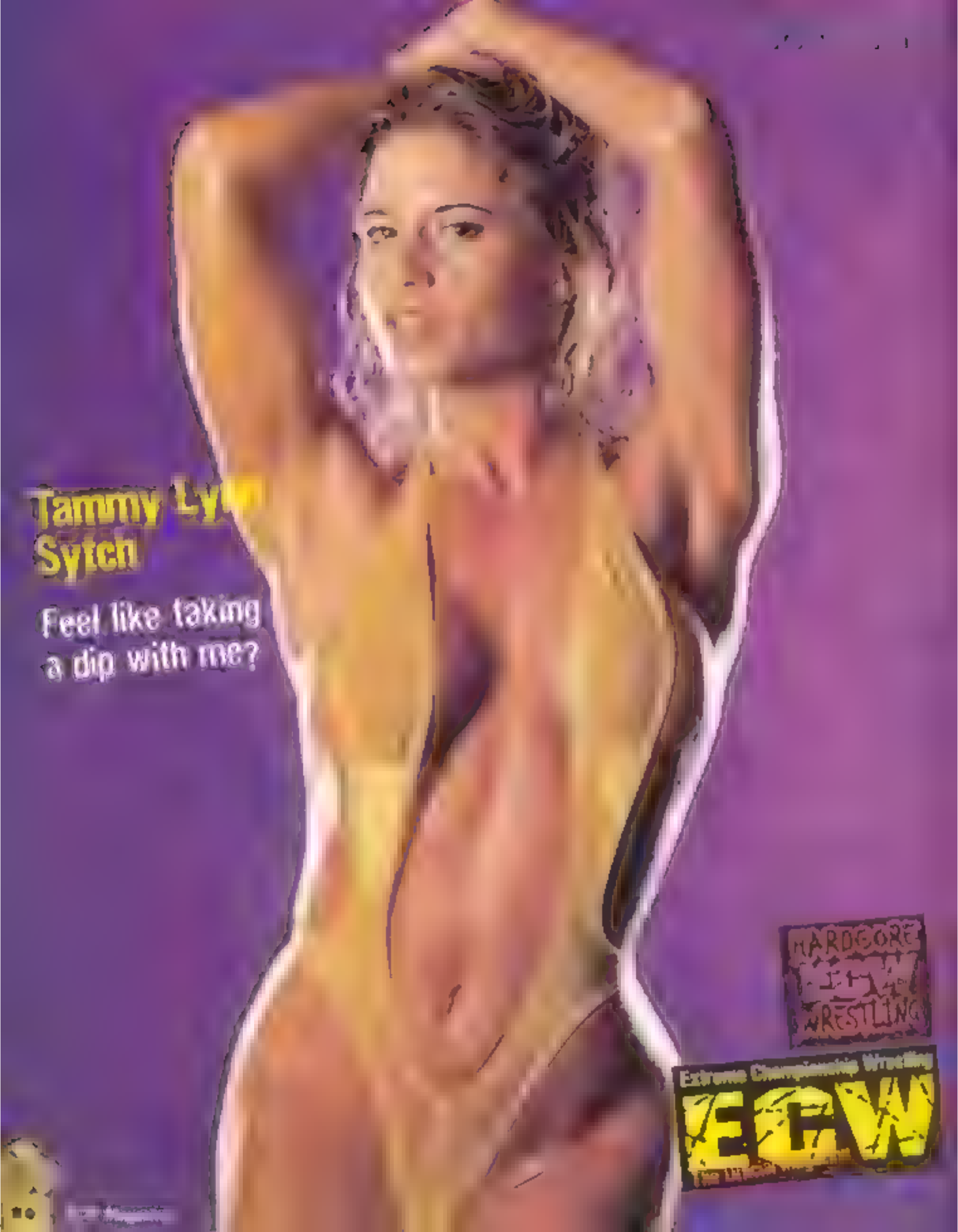
Naperville, IL

Dear Editor,

I live in the Philadelphia area and have been watching ECW since its early days at Eastern Championship Wrestling and want to say that ECW has come a long way since those days and I am proud to say that I was a child and have seen ECW grow to what it is today. I would like to wish all involved continued success.

Chris Piorce

Ridley Park, PA



**Tammy Lynn
Sytch**

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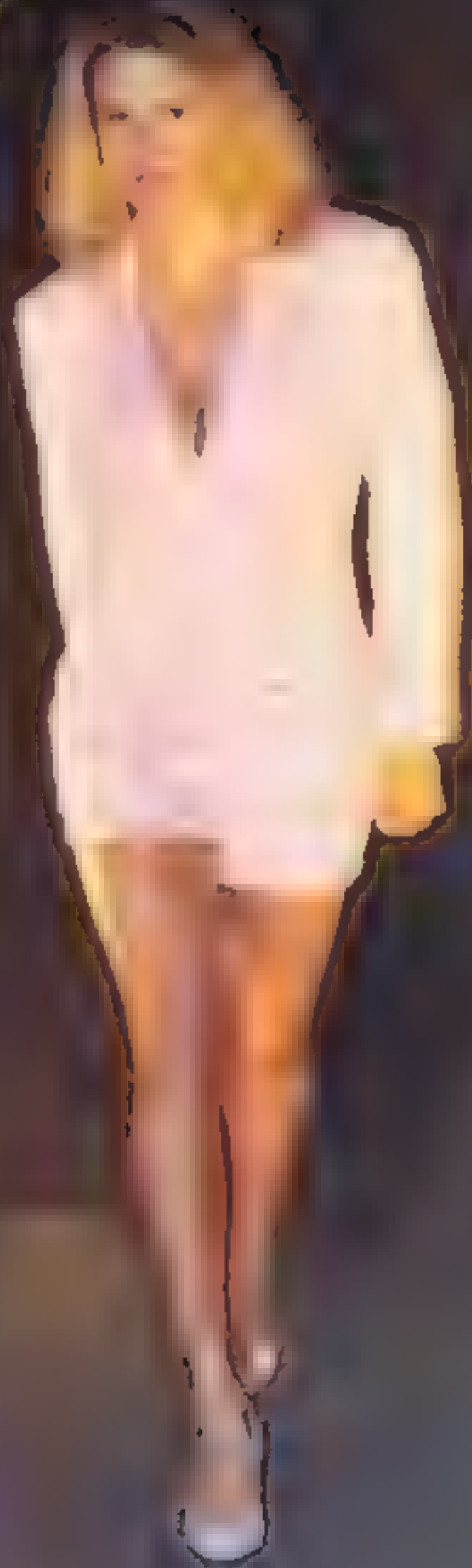
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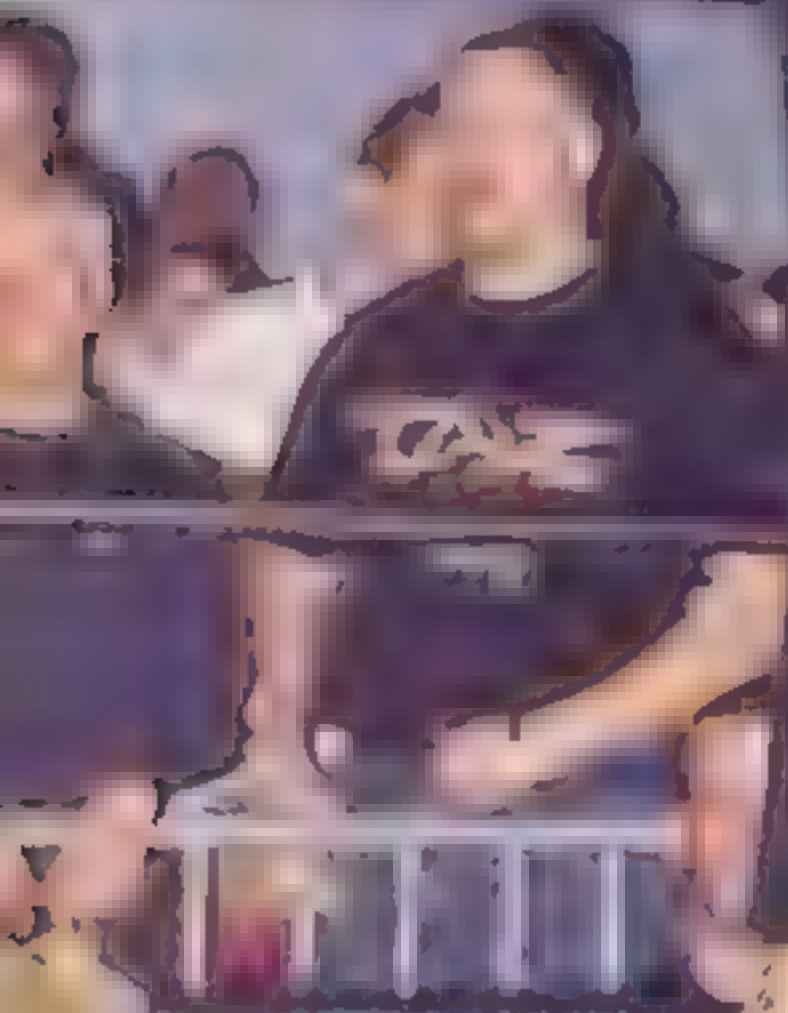
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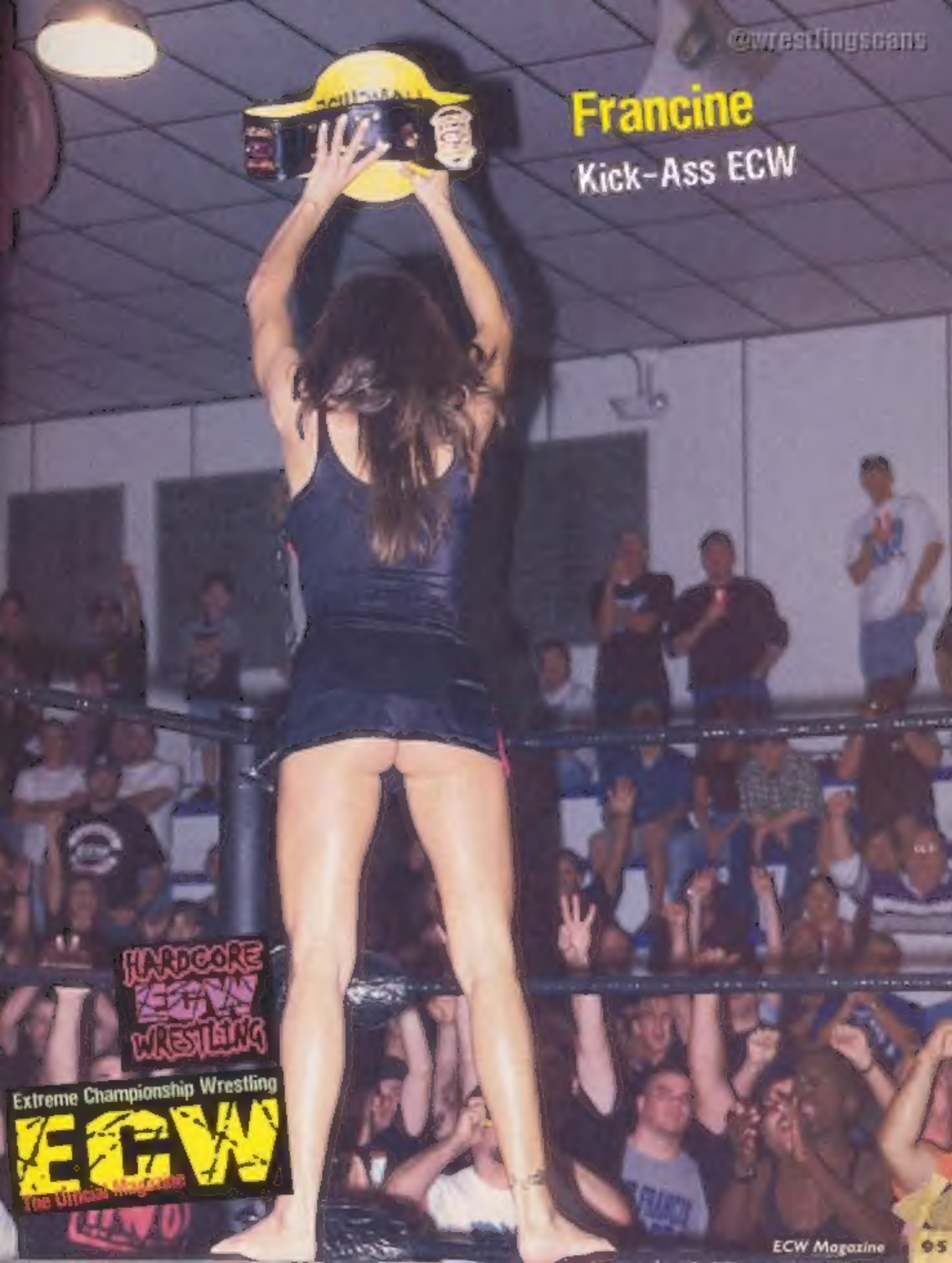
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